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Trevor Brooking in action v. Italy during a World Cup clash in Rome in November, 1976. England lost 2-0. The two countries meet again at Wembley on Wednesday, November 16th.

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THREE MATCHES WITH MORE THAN PRIDE AT STAKE

ON next Wednesday, November 16th, three Home nations, England, Wales and Northern Ireland play their final games of their World Cup qualifying groups.

Two — Wales and Northern Ireland — have no hope of reaching Argentina, while England's chances depend on beating Italy by a big margin and the Italians then only overcoming little old Luxembourg by something like one-nil.

Manager Ron Greenwood says his team need a miracle — and that's probably an understatement.

But all three matches are important to the future of the three nations. Good, encouraging results can lay the foundations for success in the next major tournament — the European Championship in 1980.

We begin our scene-setting with an interview with Ron Greenwood in which he pinpoints the reasons for England's decline in the international arena, and follow it with Italy boss, Enzo Bearzot, commenting on his team, its matches and future prospects and England's problems.

Our columnists, goalkeeper Ray Clemence, and winger Gordon Hill, then give their views on England's big match.

Irish manager Danny Blanchflower talks about his side's past results and preparation for their match in Belfast against Belgium, and Mike Smith, his counterpart for Wales, does the same for his team's away match against Czechoslovakia.

And we haven't forgotten the Scots, destined to be Britain's sole representatives amongst the 16 nations battling it out for football's most-wanted trophy next year.

Bruce Rioch, the Scots' captain, has some very interesting things to say about why his country qualified and England didn't.

And we select our possibles and probabilities for the 22-man squad Scotland will take to Argentina.

David Gregory

EDITOR

An exclusive interview

has been painted?

GREENWOOD: There are two sides to it really. Because of our recent results at international level, the English game does seem rather ill, but at the same time the Under-21 side under Dave Sexton has had some tremendous results. They've scored 14 goals in their last two matches, and that must be good by any standards, no matter who you are playing against.

Travelling the country as I do, watching and talking to people in the game, one is impressed by the youth of English football, and it looks as though we should have a very fine crop of players in the next two to three years. Remember these things do tend to go in cycles anyway.

SHOOT: The English team in Luxembourg was fiercely criticised in the Press because of their performance. Did you think that criticism was justified or was it a little harsh?

GREENWOOD: It was fierce criticism because journalists have a job to do and they expected us to score a hatful of goals, and we didn't bring home the goods.

I was supposed to have made a reference to dustbins being hard to

THE BIG ~Finding players between League

AS England soccer manager Ron Greenwood sat on his little wooden bench at the side of the touchline in Luxembourg's compact National Stadium, he was compelled to think that he was trying in three matches to put right what had been going wrong in English football for three years.

Before his very eyes the men he saw as the cream of our national game, were struggling exasperatingly and embarrassingly to overcome a side we once would have eaten alive.

Without taking anything away from the Grand Duchy, the majority of the men who were willing to lie down and die for their country that night — and nearly did, judging by the state of exhaustion most were in — wouldn't get into Tranmere Rovers' side at the moment.

Ron Greenwood spoke of it being difficult to pick your way through falling bodies, and of the pressure on players who were being asked by the Press to perform the impossible task of scoring a mountain of goals in a

World Cup-tie.

But the fact is England should have won more convincingly — so what's the long-term solution to put England where they belong on the world map. This is what Ron Greenwood has to say:

SHOOT: Do England need a revolution?

GREENWOOD: That's a rather strong word, but we do need a re-appraisal perhaps of football throughout the country, starting in the schools.

SHOOT: If you were given the job of managing England with the World Cup Finals in Spain in 1982 as the ultimate goal what would be your priorities?

GREENWOOD: I would like to see maybe five people appointed who would be responsible for certain areas of the country, who would be involved in the development of football from school level, right through the junior ranks to the professional game and even the international side.

SHOOT: Do you think the picture of English football is as black as it

beat, but Danny Blanchflower got it right when he said that when teams defend against you like Luxembourg did, it is like playing a team of lamp-posts, and sometimes it's hard to find your way round them.

Overall the criticism was justified, but I wouldn't criticise players who did everything expected of them up to the penalty area, which is where things started going wrong.

We didn't score goals as we should have done, and that's the one area of our game where we are weak at the moment.

SHOOT: Obviously everybody would pick a different team, but are there many players who could come in and improve the side at the moment?

GREENWOOD: As you say, if you asked a dozen people in the street to name their England side they would all come up with a different selection.

I was very tempted to play the young Brighton striker Peter Ward, but he went to Luxembourg to

with England manager **RON GREENWOOD**

gain experience of being in the national squad, and to that end the trip was invaluable to him . . . there are other young players who may come into the side in the near future.

The thing about the English game is that there are a lot of players who look very good in League football, but there is a great gulf between League soccer and the international game.

This is the biggest problem finding players who can bridge the gap.

SHOOT: Where do you think the English game has gone wrong over the past few years?

GREENWOOD: The general public demands instant success, like coffee, and they want to see success all the time, as though it is a divine right. That's natural, and I would love to be associated with a successful England team.

I have always been associated with a club (West Ham) which played attractive football, but which had the reputation for never winning anything.

That wasn't true, of course, we did win the F.A. Cup twice and the European Cup-Winners' Cup, but the important thing was that we have always had a great



The sight England fans hope to see — Italy 'keeper Dino Zoff being beaten, on this occasion by West Germany's Rummenigge.

Italy 2-1 in Berlin a few weeks ago, there was a curtain-raiser between teams of 12 to 14-year-old schoolboys, and it was a treat to watch.

They didn't play 4-2-4 or 4-3-3, or any other formation. They had a game which related to players taking up positions, and being able to exploit them, not afraid to take on players, and attacking from all sides of the field.

To me that's what football is all about, and we certainly had something to learn from those youngsters.

SHOOT: Well, finally, Ron, what chance have England got of beating the Italians at Wembley?
GREENWOOD: I think we have a good chance, but I don't want anybody to run away with the idea that England will score a lot of goals. When was the last time anyone scored more than twice against Italy?

SHOOT: England hit three past them in America during the Bicentennial tournament in the summer of 1976.

GREENWOOD: Yes, but this is a World Cup tie. A vastly different proposition. Italy are a well-organised side, but the West Germans showed us the way to win in Berlin, and even against Finland, the Italians showed they are not infallible and can leave themselves exposed in certain areas.

It will be up to us to exploit those flaws. Even if we don't qualify for Argentina, and that would take a miracle, we can give our game a tremendous shot in the arm by just beating Italy.

PROBLEM

who can bridge the gap and international football

reputation for our quality of football.

To answer your question nearly all today's clubs are working to shut out space, which is what the game is all about — creating space.

There's a saying in football that to go forward you have to go back first, but most clubs are so afraid of one another that they concentrate on shutting off space, and from a goal-kick you see 20 players squashed like sardines in the centre circle, and nobody makes space.

We don't let anybody play nowadays, we just try and deprive people of being able to express themselves.

SHOOT: So what of the future?

GREENWOOD: Well, I'm a little old now to be thinking too far ahead, but I would love to be associated with a successful English national team. A lot of work will have to be done though, and that's where the team of five people would come in — starting in the schools.

When I saw West Germany beat



Peter Ward scores for England Under-21s against Norway at Brighton.

'MY PLAYERS MUST THINK ABOUT THEIR GAME'

DANNY Blanchflower considers that Belgium will be something of an unknown quantity when his team meet them in their World Cup qualifying match on November 16.

"Belgium have some quality players," says Danny. "They have more than we do, but the result of the game can depend on other important factors — for example, character and courage.

"Whereas, in assessing a team, I would say that Holland would be hard to beat wherever they play, it could be that Belgium are not prepared to battle as hard away from home as they are in their own country.

"There are teams such as Hungary and Czechoslovakia who play better at home, and it will naturally be to our advantage if this is the case with Belgium. Of course, I can't be certain of this, and it must be remembered that they are good.

"But in my opinion, the Belgium players are not as adventurous as the Dutch. Though I must add that Holland had problems in their match with Northern Ireland.

"The Dutch are not used to coming up against sides who attack, as we did — usually, they are meeting teams who defend. And in our last game against them, Holland failed

Northern Ireland manager DANNY BLANCHFLOWER previews his country's World Cup qualifying game against Belgium in Belfast

to demonstrate their usual skill but instead were relying on the physical stuff.

"The wind was stronger than expected and the Dutch did not know how to use it. I always advise my players to use a cross field ball with the wind, but not against it — if they do, the ball is blown back."

When Northern Ireland played Holland in Belfast in October, they lost 0-1. The result has not disheartened Danny Blanchflower.

He recalls: "We missed three goalscoring first-half chances in our World Cup tie against the Dutch. And although two or three of my players were below form, most of them were better than their opponents on the day. A draw would have been a fair result.

"Against Belgium, we will attack. This is the way I select my team, which includes midfield men who love to go forward — these are Dave McCreery, Sammy McIlroy and Martin O'Neill.

"We are not a physical side. Our players are fast, but small. In the limited time we are together, I put my ideas over to them and hope they will have some effect.

"I've always appreciated what I learned from the great Peter Doherty, and if I can succeed in passing something on to the Northern Ireland players I'll be happy. Even if what I say does not always have an immediate effect, but is helpful at some time, perhaps in the future, I'll feel I've accomplished something.

"The important thing is to get players to think about their game, and how they can improve it and become more effective.

"In our side at the moment, there is no particular goalscorer, and the same can be said about England — but in their case it is because they play defensively. Against Belgium, we'll be trying to score goals and setting up the chances for them."

While Northern Ireland will be



following the instructions of their manager to go forward against Belgium the players will also receive another specific order from Danny if there is a wind blowing.

"I will advise our captain to take the wind in the first-half if there are those sort of conditions and he wins the toss. I believe playing with the advantage of the wind should be accepted whenever possible.

"It gives a team the opportunity to be in charge of the game at half-time. And it is possible for the wind to drop in the second-half."



Martin O'Neill misses another chance for Northern Ireland in their 1-0 Belfast defeat by Holland.

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THIS one we win. For our personal pride — and to show the best of football that we were worth that cherished place in the World Cup Finals!

That is the message that manager Mike Smith will deliver to his players on the eve of their final World Cup qualifying game, against European Champions Czechoslovakia in Prague on Wednesday. "Okay, so we have to accept that we are not the qualifiers from Group Seven. But we've still a point to prove," insists Smith.

While British football raves about the Scots and their prospects in Argentina, Smith and his band of brave if bitterly disappointed Welsh players insist privately that justice was not done.

The Scots took four points from four against Wales — sneaking home 1-0 at Hampden Park by virtue of an Ian Evans "own goal" and then 2-0 at Anfield after a penalty that television has proved acquits David Jones of a handling offence — and pins the blame on Joe Jordan.

That second goal, in the last few minutes, can be discounted. It was only scored because the Welsh were throwing every player into attack and deliberately leaving themselves uncovered in defence.

"It was a game we were destined to draw. That being so, we would then be facing this trip to Prague knowing that victory would qualify us for the Finals. Maybe the chance has now gone. But, because of the circumstances, victory is so important for us," says Smith.

It is not only the sickening double defeat by the Scots that provides motivation for the Welsh in Prague. "We feel that world football has undervalued our performances," argues Smith. "For instance, the Austrians and the Hungarians are heading for Argentina and we eliminated both in our qualifying group of the last European Championship.

"That game at Anfield was a tremendous advert for football. Only two very fine sides could have matched each other's pace, skill and marvellous competitive attitudes on that unforgettable evening."

The record shows that it was the Scots who triumphed — but you'll never find a Welshman who accepts the verdict of Anfield. That is why a second successive victory

over European Champions Czechoslovakia, shattered 3-0 at Wrexham, is now of such prestige importance to skipper Terry Yorath and his talented squad.

Smith will not be moving too far away from his current squad for the time being. After the fine run in the 1976 European Championship

**Wales manager
MIKE SMITH previews
his country's World Cup
qualifying game
against Czechoslovakia**

and the near miss in the 1978 World Cup, almost all the same players can be stretched into one more campaign — the 1980 European Championship for which the first qualifying games will be played next season.

Undoubtedly, however, Smith will be looking around among the up and coming youngsters; especially if they emerge as goalscorers. The lack of goals is the one problem that Smith admits he has yet to solve: the problem will go from worrying to outright nightmare if further injuries overwhelm John Toshack.

"Always we've created chances.

Too often, we failed to take them," states Smith. "If Kenny Dalglish had been in our side, nothing could have stood in our way over the past two years. Finishing is the only factor in our football where we have failed."

The one player that Welsh football now looks to is 18-year-old Jeremy Charles. In the style of his famous father, Mel, and even more famous uncle, John, this brilliant Swansea City teenager has all the talents: superb physique, powerful shooting and, of course, that family trademark of devastating heading.

His first season produced 26

'VICTORY IS SO IMPORTANT TO US'



goals; his second is proving less successful — but that did not worry former Swans manager Harry Griffiths.

"If anything, Jeremy's slower start to his second season in football is a blessing in disguise. He is learning that goals are not there to be taken like apples off a tree.

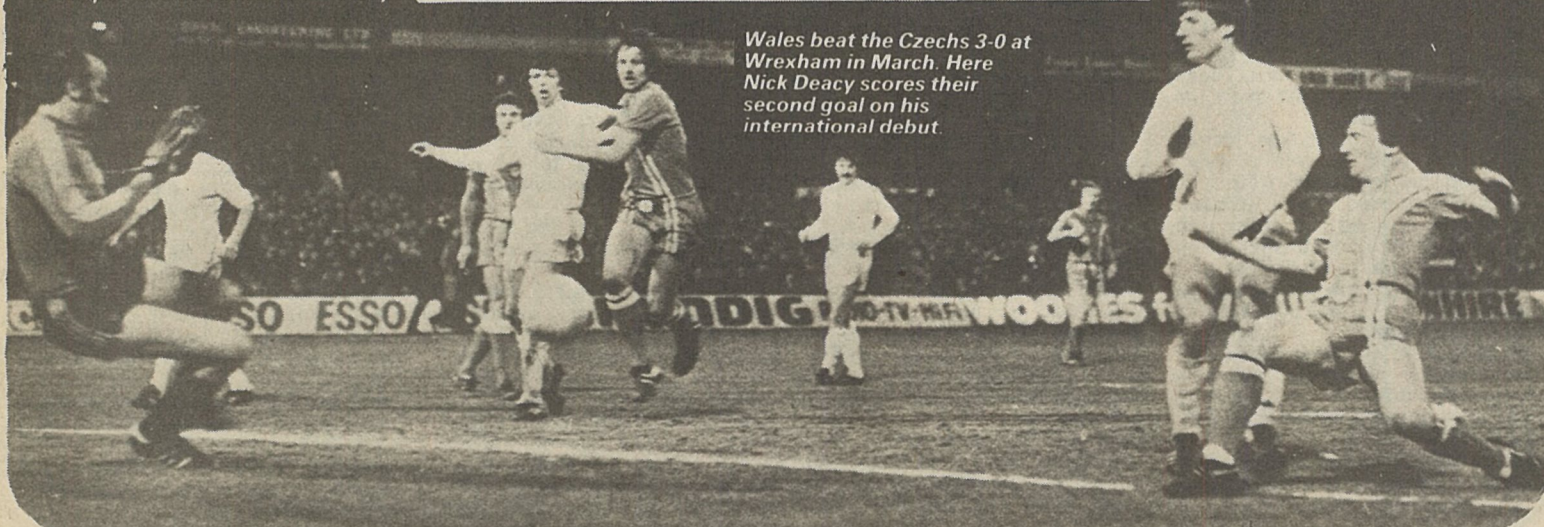
"There is another bonus as well. Because he has not been scoring in almost every game, he has been working that much harder in other departments. I'm delighted with the approach he has shown. A striker failing to score does one of two things — hangs his head or redoubles his efforts and learns more about the rest of the game.

"Jeremy has proved himself to be in the second category. With his willingness to work hard and learn all the time, I'm more convinced than ever that he is a tremendous prospect."

Smith is watching him closely — as he is the young Leeds reserve striker Gwyn Thomas. In defence, there will be an opening very soon for Ipswich full-back Les Tibbott while Julian Marshall (Hereford), Byron Stevenson (Leeds) and Ian Walsh (Crystal Palace) are all likely to be drafted into the Wales Under-21 squad later this season.

"We've no shortage of up-and-coming youngsters," claims Smith.

Wales beat the Czechs 3-0 at Wrexham in March. Here Nick Deacy scores their second goal on his international debut.



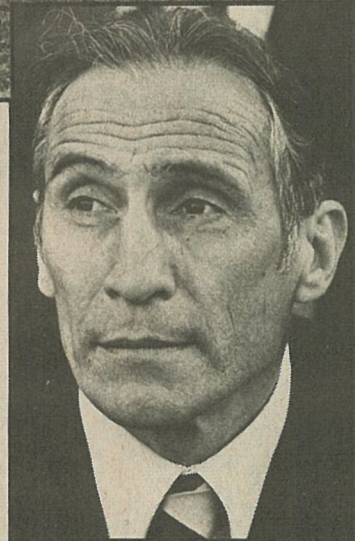


ABOVE . . . The Italy that beat England 2-0 in Rome a year ago.
RIGHT . . . Ray Wilkins, a player Bearzot admires very much.

ENGLAND's chances of reaching the World Cup Finals are virtually non-existent. They need to beat Italy by something like 6-0 to even have a HOPE of qualifying. The man who has made the current Italy team into one of the world's best is Enzo Bearzot, 50, a wing-half for Torino and Inter until he was 37. Italy's 6-1 victory over Finland was their 12th win in 18 matches under Bearzot's guidance. Here, he talks about the game at Wembley next week — and tells why he is cautious about Italy's prospects in Argentina.

**INTERNATIONAL
STAR SPOT**

**ENZO
BEARZOT**
*Italy
manager*



'A BETTER ITALY AT WEMBLEY'

SHOOT: You must have been delighted with that 6-1 scoreline against the Finns?

BEARZOT: Yes, my lads played extremely well. It was a good, allround performance from my team. We needed to win by a fair margin to sew up the group and when this is the case the game can be very difficult, regardless of who your opponents are. As far as the result and our form is concerned, I was very happy.

SHOOT: Italy are now World Cup Finalists bar a miracle. Will this make any difference to the way you are approaching the Wembley tie?

BEARZOT: We have worked very hard to get ourselves in this position and even though we are

ahead on goal-difference it does not mean we are in Argentina. In Italy, we have a saying that the ball is round and can therefore go anywhere. You understand what I mean? We shall play as usual at Wembley because we cannot alter our image now after all we've done. I don't think our position in the group will affect our play.

SHOOT: People here are tipping Italy to do very well in the Finals next June. At the same time, we said the same when you beat England in 1973, but you failed in West Germany. Which of your two sides is the better?

BEARZOT: It's never easy to compare teams, even if the gap is not wide. The '73 side was defensive, strong at the back and fast on the

quick break. My present team plays more football, but not at the level of the Dutch. We still have some players from the '73 line-up to give confidence to the youngsters and to add experience to the side.

SHOOT: But if you had to choose which team you prefer, which one would it be?

BEARZOT: The present team is the outcome of the new evolution in world and Italian soccer. In a word, it can be regarded as progress . . . which is why I prefer the present squad of players. You should never look back, though, should you?

SHOOT: You seem to have watched as much English football as any League manager. What qualities from the English League

players would you like to see in your own stars?

BEARZOT: I'm a big admirer of English soccer and I'm glad that if nothing else being drawn in the same World Cup Group has enabled me to see many games in England. Also, to watch the national team both home and away. More than anything, I like the aggression of the English players . . . their stamina . . . the way they never give up.



SHOOT: Which English players have impressed you the most?

BEARZOT: Ray Wilkins and Kevin Keegan are the most talented players I've seen.

SHOOT: Do you think the departure of Don Revie and the subsequent rows had a negative effect on English football?

BEARZOT: I never like to criticise my colleagues, it's very difficult to unless you're involved in their football. I would have to know them socially as well to have a fair opinion of the way they work. What I think is English football is still very good and still a potential force in world soccer. The biggest problem is to get a team in the true sense of the word from the many talented players available. It is not easy but a good manager should be able to do it.

SHOOT: Ron Greenwood has had an impossible task "picking up the pieces" after Revie.

BEARZOT: Ron and I are long-standing friends. He is a philosopher, a teacher who loves to get his players to think as well as run. Soccer has improved a lot in recent years and there is not a big gulf between teams. There are no "easy" games now.

SHOOT: How well will the European teams do in South America? **BEARZOT:** It will be difficult for them because they'll be playing in front of people who don't understand their style. The Dutch have a fabulous side with players of the highest calibre. The Germans will do well but we shan't be amongst the favourites. We need a little more experience and confidence, although the first could come with the return after injury of Rocca and Bellugi.

SHOOT: Roberto Bettega is the player everyone is expecting great things from. The great Hungarian Hidegkuti is the only man to have scored a hat-trick against England at Wembley. Could Bettega equal this?

BEARZOT: Such things are only for the record books. Bettega is an excellent striker but we have another ten players. The important factor is to score — who puts them away doesn't matter.

ENGLAND AHEAD OF ITALY

full record

	England	Italy
1933 May 13 Rome	1	1
1934 Nov 14 Highbury	3	2
1939 May 13 Milan	2	2
1948 May 16 Turin	4	0
1949 Nov 30 Spurs	2	0
1952 May 18 Florence	1	1
1959 May 6 Wembley	2	2
1961 May 24 Rome	3	2
1973 Jun 14 Turin	0	2
1973 Nov 14 Wembley	0	1
1976 May 28 New York	3	2
W.C.1976 Nov 17 Rome	0	2
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RIGHT ... 1973 — Mike Channon is closely watched by the evergreen Facchetti.



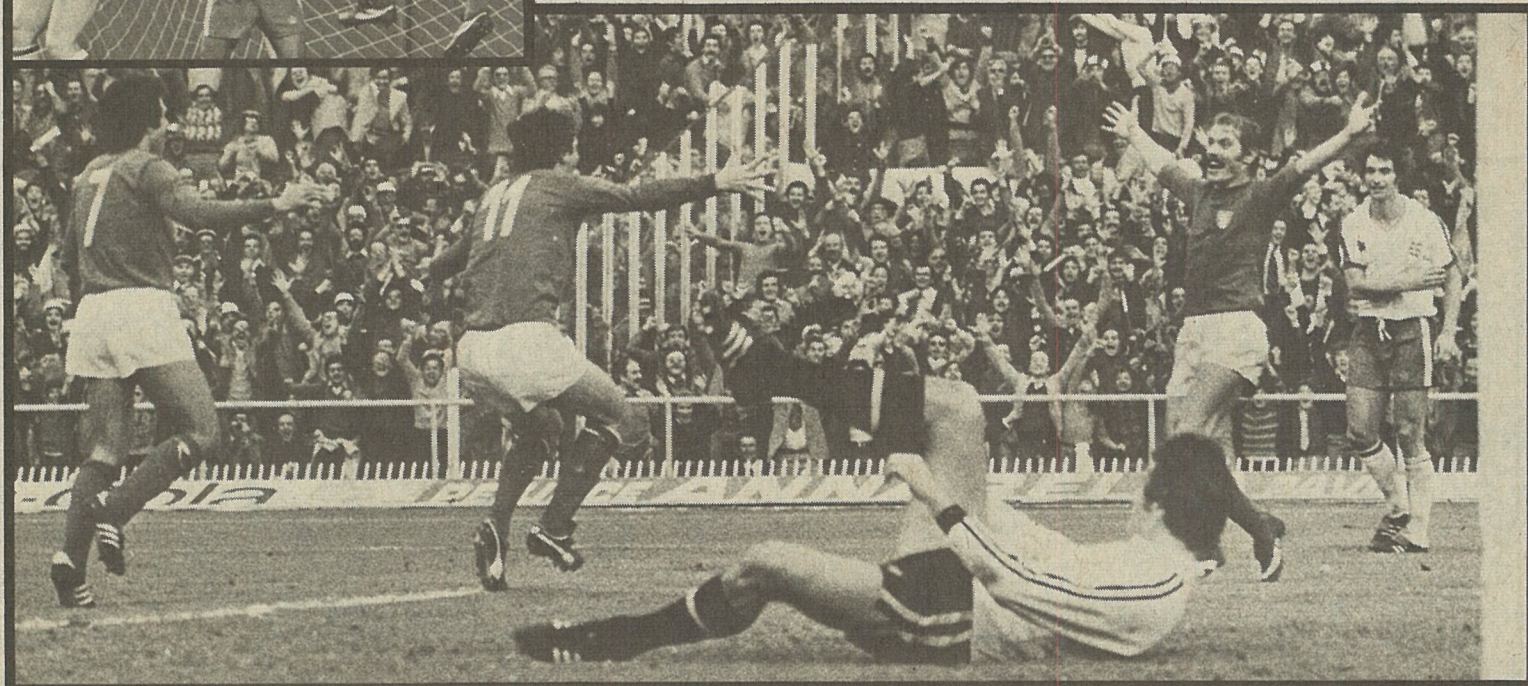
BELOW ... 1973 — Italy make it two victories in a row against England. Fabio Capello's last-gasp goal wins the game at Wembley.



LEFT ... 1976 — England came from behind to beat Italy 3-2 in the United States Bicentennial Cup. Here, Jimmy Rimmer collects the ball guarded by Mike Doyle and Dave Clement.



BELOW ... 1976 — Italy celebrate Bettiga's superb headed goal in the World Cup-tie in Rome.



WHEN our England manager, Ron Greenwood, returned from seeing Italy beat Finland by 6-1 in Turin he said: "England now need a miracle to qualify for the World Cup Finals in Argentina."

The Italians have set such a big goal-difference they can afford to lose to us at Wembley and then beat little Luxembourg by only one-nil to join the 16 teams that will battle for the World's greatest trophy over in South America next summer.

It's hard to swallow we could end up level on points with Italy, having each lost only one game, and yet be left behind.

But scoring goals is what the game is all about, and we just haven't been putting enough into the "sack".

However, while there's a possibility — extremely remote, I admit — that we could qualify for the Finals we're going into the Wembley game determined to get the fistful of goals that could set the Italians a big target against the Luxembourgers.

The Italians are not invincible — they have a very suspect temperament — and if things had gone right for us, if we'd had the breaks, we could have beaten them in Rome last November, instead of losing 2-0.

For 40 minutes, in front of a fanatical crowd, we had matched them in every department in my opinion.

The turning point came when they were awarded a free-kick just outside our penalty-area, in line with the centre of my goal.

They had previously had two free-kicks in the same position and on each occasion they had not placed a man in our "wall" and Kevin Keegan had broken out to get a full block on the ball.

This time the Italians decided on the switch that was to bring them that first goal. Benetti stood in front of Kevin as the kick was taken and prevented him from getting squarely in front of the ball.

Consequently, the ball struck the side of Kevin's foot and was deflected just that vital foot or so away from my hand. I know I would have made a save but for that deflection.

It's unfair and untrue to say the Italians dominated the game up to that point and deserved to go ahead. Their shots on goal had not seriously troubled me. After half-time we pushed forward, going for

the equaliser, and forced their 'keeper, Zoff, into making several good saves. But we left gaps, and the Italians are so good at making lightning strikes when that happens.

The ball was crossed from their left-wing, and there was Bettega to head in a text-book goal. I had no chance of even getting a touch.

Italian football is so defensive that to become a top marksman, as Bettega has done, you have to be a deadly finisher.

That second goal "killed" us. When a team so skilled in defence gets that sort of lead, there's no way you can get back into the game.

What we'll have to watch for at Wembley is their policy of sitting back, absorbing everything we hurl at them, and then hitting on the break. That's how they beat us one-nil on their last visit, a friendly, in November, 1973.



RAY CLEMENCE
talking soccer

'WE COULD



'A switch to Anfield or Old Trafford would be an advantage'

Left . . . Liverpool's Ray Kennedy in action v. Derby. Anfield would be ideal because the fans are nearer the action.

RIGHT . . . Ray Clemence with Kevin Keegan after their European Cup win last season.

If we can get that early goal — unfortunately we have no choice but to go for it, instead of waiting patiently as we do at my club, Liverpool — that will probably force the Italians to become more venturesome and leave space to be exploited by us.

The odds are a mile high against England amassing the goals that will put the Italians under pressure in their next game, against Luxembourg, but a win even by the only goal of the match will help to restore our pride and confidence.

As all reports indicated the match is now a sell-out. Our fans would love to watch us send the Italians away defeated. But there'll be a lot of support for the opposition, made up of plane-loads of visitors and just about every Italian waiter and chef in England. Service, if any, is going to be very slow in many restaurants on the big night.

Long playing McLintock

Can you tell me in which year Frank McIntock made his League debut; and how many games he played for each of his clubs before becoming manager of Leicester?

**MICHAEL ZONETTI,
NEW ZEALAND**

● McIntock — inspiring skipper of Arsenal's League/F.A. Cup "Double" winning side of 1970-71, and "Footballer of the Year" that same season — made his League debut for Leicester City in 1959.

After 170 League games, Frank was transferred to Arsenal (where he played 314) in October, 1964 — and then moved across London to Q.P.R. in June, 1973.

With Rangers, he played his 127th, and final, League game against Birmingham on 23rd May, last. That made a fine total of 611 League games all told.

35 caps for Alan

I'm a keen follower of Brighton, and I'd like to know how many times our manager, Alan Mullery, played for England?

**PAUL GASSON,
EASTBOURNE**

● After three Under-23 games, Paul, he went on to gain 35 full caps between 1964 and 1971.

And now, as I'm sure you'll agree, enterprising manager Mullery looks as if he could become just as successful off the field as he was on it.

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**DAVID MURRAY,
READING**

● Both occurred in the same season of 1926-27, David.

Then Reading finished 14th in Division Two, and reached the F.A. Cup Semi-Finals — where they lost 0-3 to ultimate winners Cardiff.

In the League Cup, Reading reached the Fourth Round in both 1965 and 1966.

In Wartime football, Reading won the London War Cup in 1941 — beating Brentford 3-2 in the Final at Stamford Bridge.



'Italy's second goal "killed" us'

had virtually an unchanged defence since the start of our South American summer tour, after the defeat at Wembley by the Scots, and players have been able to work up such an understanding we have conceded only one goal in five games.

It's true many changes have been forced on the manager through injuries, but contrary to what some critics claim, this is not due to our domestic football being too physical, but simply because we play far too many games.

Minds and bodies become tired and injuries more prevalent.

Bad fouls are less frequent now since the referees' clampdown five years ago.

themselves.

But my chance — and probably Kevin's, too — won't be lost by missing out in 1978, for neither of us will be too old to compete in 1982.

I'll only be 32 then, and the Italians' 'keeper, Zoff, is 35 now — and still in fine form.

It's galling to think Scotland have already earned their passage to Argentina, after beating Wales 2-0 at Anfield.

I'm pleased for them, especially Kenny Dalglish who has made such a quick adjustment to English football.

Kenny's second goal against the Welsh was a dream, and very necessary considering that controversial penalty decision. Photos seem to prove it was the Scots' striker, Joe Jordan, who handled the ball and not Wales defender, David Jones.

I've given my condolences to my Welsh Liverpool team-mates, John

STILL QUALIFY'



sapped the confidence of the players, made them apprehensive instead of giving them a huge boost.

I believe that now two big clubs — Manchester United and Liverpool — supply around half the squad, it would be to our advantage to switch to Old Trafford or Anfield.

However, this is impossible I'm told because the F.A. have a contract with Wembley which does not expire until something like 1982.

It's not as though I'm advocating something unheard-of, because many other countries tend to select the ground they think will give them the most benefit. The Italians played us in Rome and the Finns in Turin. Maybe their choice was governed by the fact the Finns had shocked them by drawing in Rome on their last visit, in a European Championship tie.

England's main trouble lies in not having a settled side. For the past two years we should have had a nucleus of around seven ever-present. At times we've had as many as that number of changes in the team.

Proof of my point is the fact we've

Critics are advocating youth should be given a chance in this game. I contend it would be unfair to place such a big burden on players unused to international football, which is vastly different from that in the Leagues.

No, we must field our strongest team, bring in all our most experienced players, providing they are injury-free.

I'm hoping to see Kevin Keegan fit and back to the form he showed for Liverpool when he was instrumental in helping us to lift the European Cup.

World-class

Kevin showed then his ability to cope with man-for-man marking, when he got the better of Borussia's Berti Vogts, a World-class defender.

Like me, Kevin will be bitterly disappointed if we do fail to qualify for Argentina, as seems most likely. Having won the most prized medal in European football — one for winning the European Cup — our sights are set on the highest award, a World Cup medal.

Or at least, playing in the Finals

Toshack and Joey Jones, but I do feel Scotland have the strength in depth essential to compete successfully in the Finals.

When Wales have injury problems, they have few top-class reserves to call upon. For that Anfield match, the Scots had the likes of Archie Gemmill, Martin Buchan and Andy Gray on the sidelines!

As you've gathered, I still haven't abandoned all hope of joining Scotland down South America way. Football has a habit of serving up shocks and surprises. Remember the little Diddymen of North Korea beat the Italians 1-0 in England during the 1966 World Cup Finals!

We learn at Liverpool never to give up until the final whistle is blown!

Ray Clemence

Chinese stars

Have any Chinese footballers ever played for a top English club?

MANTAI LING, Stoke-on-Trent

● The only "genuine" fully-fledged one I can find who actually made a League side, Mantai, was a Hong Kong-born forward named Cheung Chi-Doy.

He played one First Division game for Blackpool in both the 1960-61 and 1961-62 seasons.

Frank Soo — a big favourite with your local Stoke City, who played seven times in England's powerful Wartime international side when on RAF leave — was certainly of Chinese origin.

Soo was born to a Chinese immigrant family — but over here in Buxton, Derbyshire — and regarded himself as English as any of his team-mates.

SHORT PASSES

● Terry Paine played 19 full internationals for England, scoring seven goals.

(MARK STOKINGS, Southampton)

● Wolves' record home gate is 61,315 v. Liverpool; F.A. Cup Fifth Round; 11th February, 1939.

(PHILIP HORTON, Birmingham)

● No First Division side has ever reached 70 points; Leeds' 67 in 1968-69 is the highest.

(SUKHVINDER SINGH, Tipton)

● Wimbledon were founded in 1889, and turned semi-professional in 1964. Their ground is called Plough Lane.

(MARTIN EARP, Bristol)

● The address of the North American Soccer League is: 1133 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 3500, New York, N.Y. 10036, U.S.A.

(ANDREW DAINES, Cardiff)

● The Women's Football Association now has more than 300 affiliated clubs playing in some 20 Leagues throughout England.

(JACKIE HARWOOD, Australia)

Anglo Scot

I'm told Bruce Rioch is English, yet he's captained Scotland! What's it all about?

RAYMOND MacFARLANE, MANCHESTER

● Well, Raymond, Rioch is one of those players who originally had a dual-qualification — in that he was born in Aldershot of Scottish parentage.

On his birth qualification, he could have played for England — but Scotland cannily got in first, and there's no way the Sassenachs can have the skilful midfielder now!

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.



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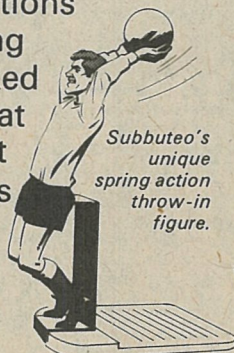
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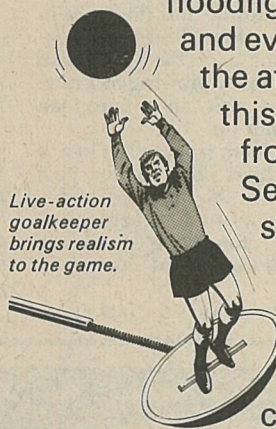
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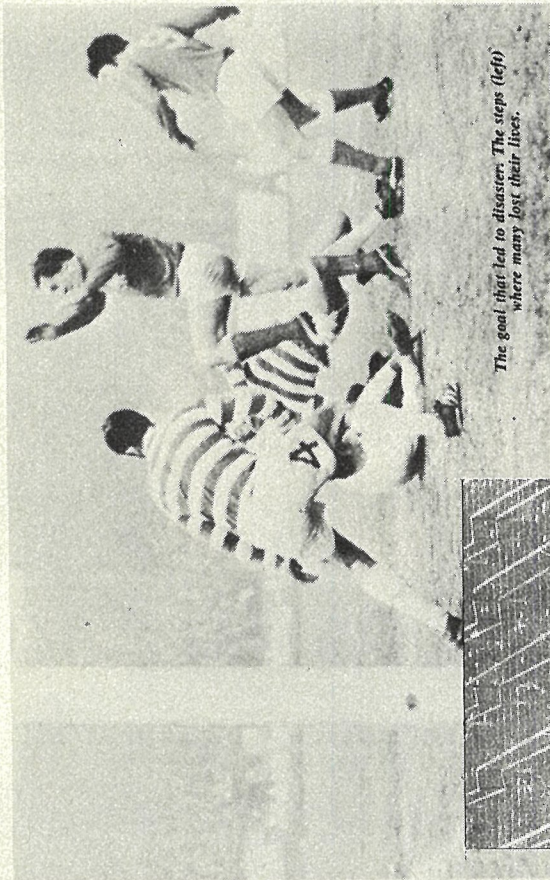
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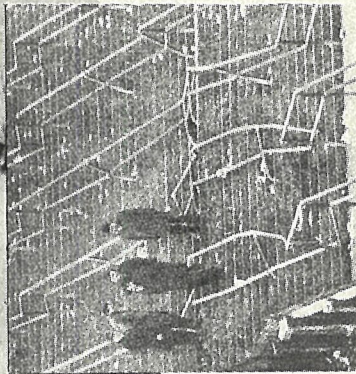
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Disasters



The goal that led to disaster. The steps (left) where many lost their lives.



IBROX CRUSH

The most sensational disaster in recent years, and the one which finally spurred the authorities into making the proper licensing of football grounds law after the publication of the Wheatley Report, was the terrible calamity at Ibrox Park on January 2nd, 1971, when 66 were killed and over 140 injured.

Rangers were playing Celtic and when, with only two minutes left for play, Celtic scored the first goal of the game and the apparent winner thousands began leaving the ground, but they had scarcely moved when a roar announced another goal. Rangers had equalised, and when fans on the way out tried to turn back to discover what had happened, and met others leaving, particularly on the steep steps at the Copland End, the crush brought disaster.

The barriers gave way under the pressure and people fell on top of each other. Those at the bottom of the pile were suffocated.

TERRACE COLLAPSED

Sad to relate Ibrox Park had earlier been the scene of another serious disaster during an international match between Scotland and England on April 5th, 1902. The Rangers club had spent a great deal of money in order to attract an international match and it was one of their newest structures, the Western terrace, that partially collapsed.

The ground was packed with hundreds encroaching on to the pitch before the start, and many moved from the packed Eastern terrace to the Western terrace which was a raised stand of planking on steel uprights.

Within six minutes of the start, with the excited crowd swaying as they followed a Scottish attack, a large section of this planking gave way and the unfortunate spectators fell through to the ground some 30 or 40 feet below, landing on top of one another.

Other fans rushed forward on to the pitch to get out of the way and the game was halted. About 400 people dropped through this hole in the terracing and 25 were killed while most of the others were injured.

The vast majority of the 100,000 in the stadium had not appreciated the seriousness of the disaster or even realised what had happened. After a hold-up of some 18 minutes it was decided to resume play.

The result was a draw 1-1, but because of the tragic circumstances the match was declared unofficial and replayed at Villa Park a month later when the result was another draw 2-2.

F.A. Cup

SIX FOR BEST

Saturday, February 7th, 1970, was the day one of football's greatest talents erupted in most sensational fashion, for that was the day that Manchester United massacred Northampton Town 8-2 at the County Ground and the inimitable George Best turned on a display that has never been equalled in a Fifth Round F.A. Cup-tie by scoring six of his side's goals!

Northampton Town had charged their fans double price for this Cup-tie and as it happened it must have been worth every penny to see one of the finest individual performances of all time. George Best simply tore through the home side, and this mark you when he was making his return to the game after 28 days' suspension!

He got United's first four in succession before Brian Kidd interrupted the run with their fifth goal. Best and Kidd had each scored again before Northampton got the first of their two goals. George got his sixth in the 86th minute and Frank Large got another for The Cobblers. The 21,000 odd who saw Best that day will surely never forget it.

REMARKABLE YEOVIL

Since World War One only one non-League club has got as far as the Fourth Round of the F.A. Cup and then beaten a First Divi-

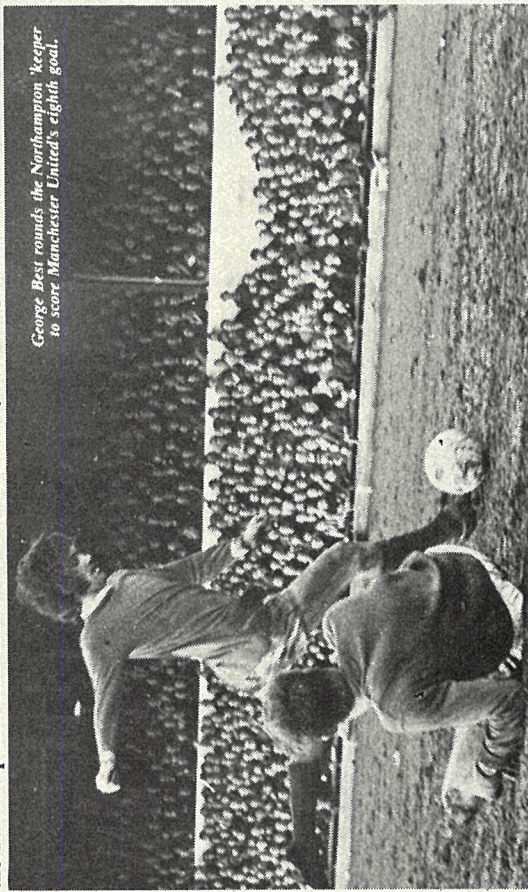
sion club in that round. That club is Yeovil Town and the sensation created by their defeat of Sunderland in season 1948-49 marked the Somerset club down as one of the greatest giant-killers in the Cup's history.

Certainly the good people of Yeovil will never forget January 29th, 1949, and while Sunderland would like to forget, many of their star-studded team still wonder how such a thing ever came to pass.

At the time a lot was said about the slope of the pitch but this talk was greatly exaggerated and, indeed, before the game Sunderland's manager, Bill Murray, agreed that if they should happen to be beaten there would be no complaints from them about the pitch. The most remarkable aspect of Sunderland's defeat was that they were beaten in extra-time. This was one of the early Post-War seasons in which extra-time was played if necessary at the first meeting to keep travelling and loss of working days to a minimum, and when at the end of 90 minutes these two sides were level at one goal each anyone could be excused for assuming that the superior stamina and training of the First Division side would see them through to victory in the extra half-hour.

Player-manager Alec Stock had shot Yeovil into the lead and former England international, Jack Robinson, had equalised. In extra-time the unexpected happened, not only because it was Yeovil who got the winner but because it was a gift from one of Sunderland's stars, that brilliant footballer, Len Shackleton, who, in attempting an overhead kick, provided Ray Wright with a perfect through pass from which he gave Eric Bryant the opening to shoot the winner.

George Best rounds the Northampton 'keeper to score Manchester United's eighth goal.



GEOFF NULTY
(Newcastle)



LEADER OF PLAYERS' 'REBELLION'

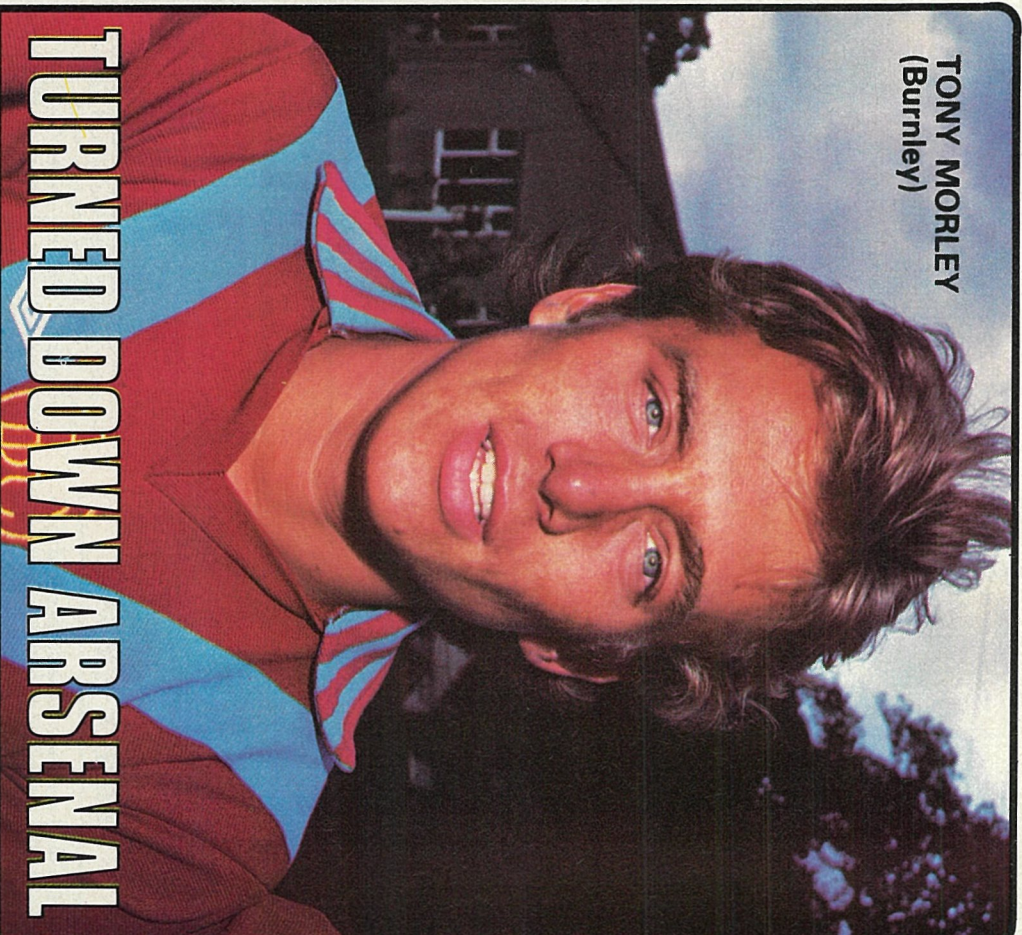
NEWCASTLE United skipper Geoff Nulty is a leader of men on and off the field — he not only played a big part in taking United into Europe last term, but also was in the forefront of his team-mates' close-season demand for higher wages.

It was Nulty's determination to secure decent wages for first team men that brought the Newcastle players into direct confrontation with their directors, and it was not until August 16th the last 11 players signed their contracts. And it was a situation that had to be

resolved — for if a solution had not been found, the players would have refused to sign and the St. James' Park club would have been without a first team when the new season started!

As it was, the breach between board and players was only just healed in time. But in the midst of the wages turmoil it was the efforts of Geoff Nulty, fully backed by players who thought they were worth more, such as Alan Gowling, Mickey Burns, Alan Kennedy and Irving Natrass, that did most to end the deadlock.

TONY MORLEY
(Burnley)



TURNED DOWN ARSENAL

TIME was when any red-blooded young footballer would have given his right arm to become a red-shirted Arsenal man. And, even if Arsenal aren't quite the "name" they once were, that would still go for the vast majority of them.

One exception, though, was Tony Morley — the home-loving lad who preferred the familiar comforts of his parents' home in provincial Ormskirk to the harsh bright-lights of London. In January, 1976, Preston and Arsenal had agreed a £100,000 deal which would not only have given him a straight £5,000 cut of the transfer fee.

Which couldn't be bad for a youngster of barely 21.

The sports pages headlined the deal as though there were no doubts about it. And no

one had any — bar the lad himself. So the "deal" had to be headlined all over again — in reverse!

Explains Morley: "Arsenal are a great club, and I was flattered by their interest. Sure, I turned down a lot of money, but that's not worth as much to me as happiness."

"I'd all but made up my mind to accept, but then I reckoned unless I was certain I could settle in the South it would be difficult for me to play well there. It was one heck of a decision to make, and many people said I was plain daft — but I'm still sure it was the right one."

Just 11 days later, Morley did move for that £100,000 fee. But it was only "down the road" to Burnley — which, as any atlas will prove, is considerably nearer to homespun Ormskirk than North London.



'BOY WONDER'S' 4-GOAL FEAT

TREVOR FRANCIS was a "Boy Wonder". But happily, unlike some others of that breed, he wasn't soon sunk without trace — and now, seven years later, is an England player of the present ... and future.

It was on 5th September, 1970, the 16-year-old came on as sub for Birmingham at Cardiff.

He made his full League debut at home to Oxford the following Saturday — and, almost inevitably, scored.

But, rather than press the youngster too hard too fast, Birmingham rested him from League fray after just three more matches.

Young Francis came back for three games around Christmas, and then had another short break before the goals dam burst.

Modestly, at first, with a single goal against Millwall on the first Saturday in February.

But it was two against Sheffield Wednesday the following week, and then all four against Bolton the next Saturday — making him the only 16-year-old ever to hit that mark in a Football League game. There were two more goals next time out, and then one apiece in the following couple of games — adding-up to an incredible 11 goals in six consecutive League games.

Since those heady early days, often troubled with injury problems, it hasn't always been such plain-sailing for the talented Francis.

But pluckily he fought back, and played his 200th League game last season. More important, after earlier Under-23 recognition, in February he made the full England team in the Wembley prestige friendly with Holland — and now looks like playing a vital role in the international set-up for quite a while to come.



ANDY RITCHIE STEPPED BACK TO GO FORWARD

A £15,000 transfer to Morton seemed to signal a downward trend in Andy Ritchie's career. But the former Celtic player responded in sensational fashion.

Instead of accepting a life in football away from the spotlight, Ritchie grabbed star billing — and set the First Division alight.

The big, powerful winger earned the applause by scoring 22 goals in his first season at Cappielow, and played a key part in Morton's storming finish to the season which

earned them fourth spot.

It was a dramatic turn about for Ritchie, who never really established himself at Parkhead despite being tipped for the top.

Now Morton face the problem of keeping the big clubs at bay as Ritchie continues to hit the goals trail.

If they are forced to sell the former Celt eventually they will have the consolation of receiving a fee probably five times greater than the one they paid Celtic.

F.A. Cup



Non-League Tottenham caused a sensation by winning the F.A. Cup in 1901.

K.O.'D BY CORINTHIANS

On January 12th, 1924, before a crowd of about 20,000 on the historic old Cup Final ground at the Crystal Palace, First Division Blackburn Rovers were knocked out of the F.A. Cup by the famous amateur side — The Corinthians. For a club that still retained some pride as Cup-fighters this was a humiliating defeat for the Rovers and proved such a shock to one of the club's directors when he heard the news while watching the reserves at Ewood Park that he collapsed and died of a heart attack.

After deliberately avoiding the F.A. Cup for nearly 40 years, 1923-24 was only the second season that The Corinthians had entered this competition. Difficulty in obtaining Saturday fixtures with top professional clubs had forced them into this situation, much against the will of the older members, but even the reluctant ones must have been overjoyed that afternoon at the Crystal Palace when a solitary goal by inside-left, A. G. Doggart, was enough to defeat Blackburn Rovers.

A. G. Doggart was one of the last of The Corinthians to play for England in a full international. In the next round Corinthians were well and truly beaten 5-0 by West Bromwich Albion at The Hawthorns.

CONTROVERSIAL GOAL

Since the Football League was formed in 1888 their clubs have won the F.A. Cup on all but one occasion, and naturally enough that solitary victory by a non-League club caused a sensation when it took place in 1901. The club that broke the League's monopoly of this trophy was Tottenham Hotspur and it was not only the fact that they beat Sheffield United in the Final that caused so much excitement and discussion.

An incident which occurred in their first meeting at the Crystal Palace had the football fraternity arguing for months afterwards, for this incident brought about one of the most controversial goals ever seen in a Cup Final. It happened immediately after the Spurs had gone into a 2-1 lead. United returned to the attack and the Spurs' goalkeeper fumbled a shot before it went behind. The linesman signalled a corner-kick but the referee did not appear to agree and the goalkeeper placed the ball for a goal-kick. Then followed the shock, for the referee signalled a goal. The decision met with boos but the referee, who had not been in a good enough position to judge the situation, refused to consult a linesman and this Sheffield United equaliser was allowed to stand. Spurs were not deterred and in the replay at Bolton, they came from behind to bring the Cup South with a 3-1 victory.

Players

'GENTLEMAN JIM'

In the boxing world everyone has heard of Gentleman Jim, for that was former World Heavyweight Champion Jim Corbett. In the football world "Gentleman Jim" refers to Jimmy Dickinson whose unselfish devotion to Portsmouth as a player made him one of the most popular footballers of the Post-War era. In 22 years in Portsmouth's colours he was never known to perform an unsporting act and his farewell home League appearance on Easter Monday, 1965, created an emotion-charged Fratton Park scene. When he hung up his boots in April, 1965, Jimmy Dickinson had played in 764 peace-time Football League games for Portsmouth, the highest number of League appearances any player ever made for a single club. He is now the club's manager.

Jimmy Dickinson (left) is still serving his one and only club, Portsmouth. Billy Meredith (right) was almost 46-years-old when he won his 50th cap for Wales.



50-CAP HERO

The great Welsh international Billy Meredith was regularly in the news during his illustrious career, which extended over more than 30 years, and he was in the headlines again on March 15th, 1920, when, at nearly 46 years of age, he played for Wales against England at Highbury.

Including the two Victory internationals he had played earlier that same season this game against England was his 50th appearance for Wales.

Meredith rounded off his international career that day in a blaze of glory for Wales beat England 2-1, their first victory over England since 1882, and having already drawn with Scotland and Ireland they won the International Championship for only the second time since the competition was established.

DROPPED AFTER NINE YEARS

Something startling took place at the Tranmere Rovers' ground in August, 1955, for in selecting the team for the visit of Gateshead it was decided to drop centre-half Harold Bell from the side.

The remarkable thing about this was that on August 30th, Tranmere Rovers lined up without Harold Bell for the first time in nine years. From the opening of the 1946-47 season the Rovers' centre-half had played in 401 consecutive Football League games.

More than that he had taken his run of first team appearances to 459. He also played in 26 F.A. Cup-ties, 22 Liverpool senior Cup-ties, and Cheshire Bowl games.

Harold was soon back in the side again in 1955, and went on to make a grand total of 595 Football League appearances up to 1960.



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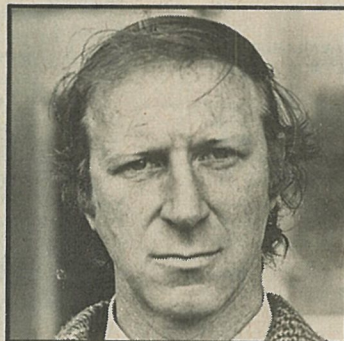
says Jackie Charlton

PARTICK THISTLE baffled their fans and Dundee United during the recent Premier Division match at Firhill.

The Thistle players were wearing their red-and-yellow striped shirts in the first-half, but when they came out after the interval they had changed to sky blue shirts.

Manager Bertie Auld later explained that he thought the first-half jerseys clashed with United's tangerine strip.

It certainly worked for Thistle... they won 2-1!



GLENAVON player-boss Alan Campbell rocked Northern Ireland soccer when he placed his entire senior squad on the transfer list recently.

Supremo Campbell's shock decision followed what he termed "excessive demands by the players for appearance money and even a threat not to turn out v. PSV Eindhoven in the away U.E.F.A. Cup-tie" at the end of September.

Eventually, Glenavon did play PSV, losing 0-5 but putting up a creditable display for a side still relatively inexperienced, even by Ulster standards, but didn't prevent no-nonsense Campbell from putting his first team outfit up for sale.

NEWS DESK

COMPILED BY PETER STEWART

WHEN Birmingham played Fulham in a Football Combination match, American managers and coaches nearly outnumbered the English scouts.

Minnesota Kicks general manager Freddie Goodwin and his player-coach Mike Bailey, the former Wolves' skipper, were there.

So, too, was Joe Mallett, coach with Cosmos.

MIDFIELDER Dennis Martin must be hoping that it will be a case of "third time lucky" for him in the First Division.

Martin, who joined struggling Newcastle in October after over seven years with Carlisle, had spells in the top sphere with both the Cumbrian side and West Bromwich.

But in his three years at West Brom he only made 11 appearances at First Division level. He found his chances limited with such players as Jeff Astle and Bobby Hope around.

His 1970 move to Carlisle has also had its ups and downs. He helped get Carlisle into the First Division and in their one season there he made 37 appearances.

Since then Carlisle have slipped into the Third. Dennis, who started out with Kettering Town, now looks for better things at Newcastle.

GUESTS at a wedding reception in an hotel in Bararaville, Ross-shire, were surprised when a police car raced up.

It was an emergency for 12-year-old Ronald Allison was needed for an important match for his team, Bridgend School, Alness.

Bridgend won and two hours later the police car brought young Ronald to the reception... and he had the Cup and a shield to prove it.

ASTLE QUILTS

JEFF ASTLE (right) the former England and West Bromwich Albion striker, has finally quit playing.

Jeff, who scored Albion's Cup Final winning goal against Everton in the 1968 Final, is now in business as head of an industrial cleaning firm operating near Burton.

He said: "I've no regrets about not playing. I do not miss the glamour because I've had ten really good seasons in the game."

"The only things I missed out on were a Championship medal and playing in Europe."

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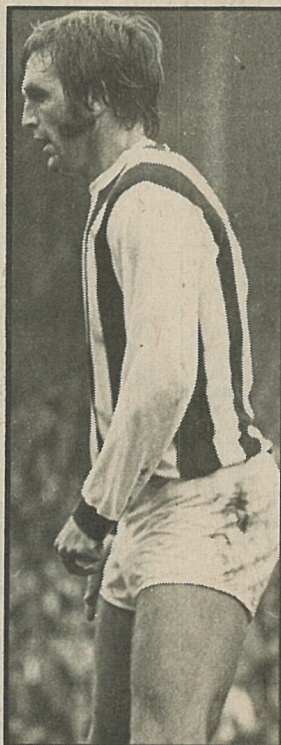
LINFIELD player-boss Roy Coyle pulled off a shrewd signing recently when he captured 21-year-old keeper George Dunlop from Ballymena United.

One of the top 'keepers in Irish soccer, the brilliant Dunlop, in whom Arsenal, Spurs and Brighton have shown an interest, could still make a move to cross-Channel football in the not-too-distant future.

DAVID HUGHES, a 19-year-old Aston Villa midfielder or full-back, has been around a bit.

He had trials for West Bromwich, Wolves and Shrewsbury before settling down with Villa.

And the Birmingham-born youngster who made three First Division appearances last term and scored one goal now plans to make it big locally.



THIS amusing photograph was taken during the recent Leeds United v. Liverpool clash at Elland Road. Referee, Mr Pat Partridge (left) changes flags with linesman K. Emsden because his red flag merged too much with the Liverpool supporters' scarves.

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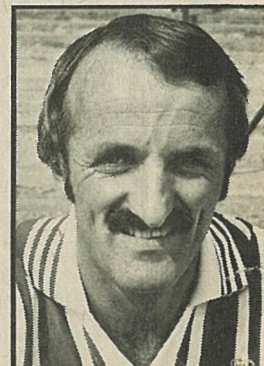
IN MAY, 1976, Peter Rodrigues led Southampton to victory in the F.A. Cup Final at Wembley against Manchester United. Now Peter has retired to take over the King Rufus public house at Eling.

From checking on opposing strikers, Peter has been doing his homework studying the history of the New Forest and has found one interesting link with the past.

Peter said: "When King Rufus lost his life on August 2nd, 1100 a man named Purkiss picked up the King and drove him by horse and cart to Winchester where he was buried."

"I have discovered that a man of the same surname had the leasehold of the pub in 1852."

Several of the Southampton team and Lawrie McMenemy have promised to be at the pub when Peter opens it soon.



RANGERS and Celtic, Glasgow's arch rivals, have teamed up in a long-term effort to stamp out hooliganism among young fans.

The two clubs are opening their gates to provide "teach-ins" for children from about 100 Protestant and Catholic schools in the city.

The hope is that by giving the youngsters a chance to meet and talk with players from both clubs religious bigotry at matches between the two famous clubs will eventually be stamped out.

Rangers' vice-chairman Willie Waddell says: "I think it is a very good idea. Obviously, it won't stamp out hooliganism immediately, but it could help a great deal in the long term."

The scheme will involve parties of 20 or 30 children going to Ibrox or Parkhead — whichever ground is nearest to their schools — during school hours.

They will watch training sessions, be given a tour of inspection of the stadiums and then meet the players.

If the plan looks to be working this season, it could be repeated next term.

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THE OIL-RICH Middle Eastern countries certainly make life seem cushy for their footballers . . .

Kuwait's World Cup squad, for example, travel to every match by their very own private jet equipped with everything a player could think of on long journeys away from home.

And Iran has just promised every member of the national team a bonus of FIVE MILLION DOLLARS — that's £150,000 per man — if they qualify for the World Cup Finals in Argentina.

MUCH-TRAVELLED Harry Hood, the former Clyde, Sunderland, Celtic and Motherwell midfielder, has joined Queen of the South.

TOM Heffernan, a centre-half with Dublin junior club Dunleary Celtic, has joined Tottenham.

JIMMY DUNNE of Torquay could soon be returning to Eire. Manager Frank O'Farrell won't stand in his way, once a suitable replacement is found and the right offer made.

WOLVES have signed **Andrew Brazier**, 16-year-old brother of their central-defender Colin Brazier. He is yet another young 'un snapped up by Wolves from Birmingham Boys' League side Northfield Juniors.

NORTHERN Ireland manager Danny Blanchflower is anxious to have Under-21 internationals and his first fixture could be against Eire.

CREWE recently reported a loss of £45,773 on last season . . . their centenary year.

IT TOOK Galway Rovers, the League of Ireland's newest club, 454 minutes to score their first goal in senior football. The honour went to striker Eamonn Deacey.

SCOTTISH club Queen's Park have no fewer than EIGHT centre-halves all standing well over 6ft tall on their books.

ANOTHER Supmac in the pipeline? Well, Arsenal star Malcolm Macdonald's 23-year-old brother Neil is certainly making the Southern League sit up and take notice this season.

His boss at Romford, the former West Ham defender Dave Bickles, says of him: "Neil has the same action as Malcolm — and the same bandy legs — and he is strong and determined. He has great potential."

Incidentally, Romford's progress this season is little short of sensational.

Without a home ground, until their new stadium at Oldchurch Park is ready, they have had to play all their matches away. Not that it's affected them much because they are one of the pacesetters at the top of the Southern League's First Division.

HIGHBURY GLORY

IT'S EXACTLY 43 years, almost to the very day, since England won the notorious "Battle of Highbury" against Italy, then the newly-crowned World Champions.

A 50,000 crowd witnessed this explosive "friendly", on November 14, 1934, when two goals by Manchester City's Eric Brook and another by Ted Drake (right, Arsenal) gave England a morale-boosting 3-2 victory.

Drake was one of seven Arsenal stars in the England team — an all-time English record — the others being goalkeeper Frank Moss, full-backs George Male and Eddie Hapgood, wing-half Wilf Copping, and inside-forwards Ray Bowden and Cliff Bastin.

The four non-Arsenal players were half-backs Cliff Britton (Everton) and Jack Barker (Derby County), goalscorer Brook, and the then 19-year-old Stanley Matthews (Stoke), appearing in his second England game and who was still playing international soccer 23 years later.



WHAT'S THE link between Spurs' midfielder star Neil McNab and Jimmy Frizzell, manager of Oldham? Well, Jimmy and Neil's dad, Neil senior, went to school together in Greenock — the same school young Neil also attended — and both played for local side Morton.

BILL GREEN GETS "NEEDED"

THERE WAS a time when a footballer in need of treatment wouldn't have dared look further than the club's physiotherapist.

But not so nowadays as proved by West Ham United defender Bill Green (right).

Following in the footsteps of Gerry Francis and Pat Jennings, the former Carlisle centre-half has been undergoing acupuncture treatment in a bid to make a speedier recovery.

Green broke a leg during a First Division match against Manchester City last season, and when the plaster came off some bad blood had gone into the ankle.

While the broken bone had healed, the ankle was painful, and kept swelling, making life very uncomfortable. "In desperation I contacted an osteopath who specialises in acupuncture, and he seems to be doing the trick."

"Although I'm not ready for first team action yet, I reckon that another few weeks will see me back to peak fitness," he says.

MORE KNEE TROUBLE FOR LEEDS

FORMER England full-back Paul Reaney recently went into hospital for a cartilage operation — and he's the fourth Leeds United player to run into serious knee trouble in the past year.

Ray Hankin, the £180,000 21-year-old striker signed from Burnley last autumn, was the first of the present batch of first teamers to face the surgeon's knife.

Happily, the burly, 6ft. 2in. England Under-23 star, has made a complete recovery and is knocking in goals regularly — five in his first five games of the season (up to and including Sept. 10).

But ex-England goal ace Allan Clarke has not been so lucky. After voluntarily missing the tail-end of last season to have an operation on his knee, he is struggling to find fitness.

And full-back Peter Hampton, who forged a regular first team spot when given his big chance last season, is having an enforced spell on the sidelines after an operation last month to remove a foreign body from his knee.

No wonder they're developing a phobia about knees at Elland Road, where they are well aware that was the injury which forced plucky Mick Jones to retire from the game two years ago at the early age of 31.

ROBBED

FORMER hero of Manchester United, Manchester City and Scotland Denis Law, was the victim of a pick-pocket as he was on his way to his BBC Radio commentary position for the recent World Cup-tie v. Wales at Anfield.

Rangers assistant-manager Willie Thornton also had money stolen.



FULHAM, the club so often in the transfer news, have been producing some promising youngsters in recent times.

Two of the best are defender Tony Gale (above) and forward Tony Mahoney, who were only signed as contract players in August.

Gale has quickly established himself this season. A strongly-built player he has impressed with his mature-looking soccer.

Mahoney has had to bide his time. But he scored in the 4-1 victory over Burnley when standing in for Teddy Maybank and then got the equaliser against Blackpool when coming on as substitute.



Scotland boss angry at English Press

SCOTLAND boss Ally MacLeod is still annoyed at the English Press and television for the way they analysed the controversial penalty incident involving Joe Jordan during their World Cup-tie against Wales at Anfield.

Said Ally: "They forget England won the 1966 World Cup by virtue of a disputed third goal. Why don't the English Press accept that Scotland are through to the World Cup Finals for the second time in succession . . . and they are not!"

ALL-SEATER

ABERDEEN have accepted a tender for the installation of another 9,000 seats at Pittodrie. The seating will fill the South terracing, the only remaining standing accommodation in the ground and give The Dons the first all-seated football stadium in the country.

SUSPENDED!

A DEMAND for compensation for loss of earnings has led to the suspension for the rest of the season of Dundalk centre-back Tom McConville and winger Tony Cavanagh (right).

The players made their demand at Dublin airport as the team were preparing to fly out to play Hajduk Split in the Cup-Winners' Cup carrying a 1-0 advantage from the home-leg.

Dundalk reacted by leaving the players at home. Split won the game 4-0 and the players' suspensions were announced when the Dundalk party arrived home.

Club captain and full-back Jackie McManus was also suspended — "indefinitely" — for a breach of discipline while in Split.

Dundalk player-manager is Jim McLaughlin, the former Northern Ireland international forward.



MANCHESTER UNITED coach Tommy Cavanagh's decision to stay at Old Trafford, instead of joining ex-boss Tommy Docherty at Derby County, not only pleased Reds' fans, but also those of Northern Ireland.

"Cav" is, of course, assistant to Irish supremo Danny Blanchflower, and with regular caps Sammy McIlroy, Jimmy Nicholl, Chris McGrath and Dave McCreery currently in United's senior squad, Dave Sexton's right-hand man is ideally placed to keep an eye on this talented international foursome.



BRUCE Rioch cannot help feeling sorry for England. All the same he was born in Aldershot, and was once within a nick of playing under Sir Alf Ramsey.

But Derby's powerful Scotland captain emphasises England's failure to qualify for the 1978 World Cup Finals in Argentina upsets him only because he wanted to beat them on South American soil!

"I hoped England would qualify because two British teams in Argentina would have really rattled the foundations under favourites Brazil, West Germany and the host nation.

"And it would have been something historic to have played England in Buenos Aires.

"Having said I feel sorry for my English team-mates and fellow professionals, I want it understood I have no divided loyalties.

"I am Scottish through and through. I am fed up reading I am an Englishman captaining Scotland. Nothing could be further from the truth.

"My father was an R.S.M. in the Scots Guards. That is why I was born in Aldershot. He was stationed there.

Candidate

"When I was playing for Aston Villa, the Press and public began putting my name forward as a possible England candidate. I was young and I was flattered. I was also aware Scotland could not select me because of my place of birth.

"But when the situation changed and players became eligible to play for the country of their father's birth, I had no doubts — I longed to wear the blue of Scotland."

It is too often forgotten Rioch has already won 20 caps for his country since his debut against Portugal at Hampden Park on May 13, 1975. Playing an attacking mid-field role, he scored six goals in his first 12 international appearances. But then he was moved deeper into midfield and has captained the Scottish team since their 0-0 draw in Wales on May 28, 1977.

"The greatest moment in my career was captaining Scotland to

'I WANTED ENGLAND TO QUALIFY'

says Scotland's World Cup captain Bruce Rioch



WILLIE DONACHIE

victory in last season's British Championship. We sealed victory by beating England 2-1 at Wembley. What more could any Scotsman ask?

"The World Cup, that's what! We have played together as a unit for three years. Players have joined the squad and left it, but the basis of the Scotland team built by Willie Ormond is still developing and maturing under manager Ally MacLeod.

"This is why we qualified for the World Cup Finals . . . and England failed.

Experiments

"Under Don Revie they made too many changes, tried too many experiments and, realistically, had no chance of success without a settled squad.

"Injuries to Colin Bell and Gerry Francis were bad blows, but, for example, when I saw Charlie George win one cap — he was substituted in the second-half of England's 1-1 draw with Eire at Wembley — without getting a second chance, I saw danger signs for England.

"Let's not get carried away with all we read about the superiority of Continental football. English League football is tough, demanding and at times physically exhausting. But it also produces class players.

"Look at lads such as Asa Hartford, Don Masson, Archie Gemmill, Joe Jordan, Andy Gray and Willie Donachie. Just six of the so-called 'Anglo-Scots' in our World Cup squad. They make their living playing in English League football.

"The reason why the Anglos do so well when they play for their country is because of the higher level of competition South of the border.

"They've got the skill and ability to kick-off with, but thrive on the greater challenge and rewards in England.

"Look how well Kenny Dalglish is doing at Liverpool. He's certainly dumbfounded those who thought he was overrated at Celtic.

Doldrums

"I do not understand why so many good Scottish players have come through at a time when England seem unable to come up with a few trumps. But don't forget Alf Ramsey's team of 1966. He had world-class players at his disposal when Scotland were in the doldrums.

"Perhaps even international football goes in cycles. One thing's for sure — Scotland are Britain's sole World Cup representatives for the second successive series. That is something England must remedy.

"I believe they can achieve ultimate success by using the resources at their disposal — the players who take so much unfair criticism every time they don an England shirt. Their turn will come."

'I FELT I'D BEEN FORGOTTEN'

He speaks with a rich Black Country accent. He was born in Cardiganshire and thus qualifies for Wales. And he looks every inch an Italian.

It all fits in. Donato Nardiello was brought up in Birmingham; his parents are Italian. Oh, by the way, Don has been with Coventry City since he was 16 — which was four years ago.

Now he has made the breakthrough into The Sky Blues first team, after often having been named as substitute. People who know say it will not be long before he is a big-name in the First Division.

Don recalls his finest hour at Coventry: "It was when I was named as sub for our match against Middlesbrough in the middle of September.

"That told me I was making progress. I thought I would be all nerves as the match approached, but I slept soundly and didn't feel at all nervous sitting on the bench.

"I wasn't needed. That suited me because I have no wish to see the players who have helped me so much injured. In fact, I don't like to see any player injured.

"But these things happen in football and had it been necessary for me to go on, nerves wouldn't have troubled me. No chance."

Assistant-manager and coach Ron Wylie thinks Don has great

potential and says: "He is a wing-striker and has the advantage of being equally happy on either side of the attack."

Don says: "I came to Coventry as an outside-left, but people think of me as an outside-right. Honestly, it makes no difference to me on which side of the pitch I operate."

And he adds, with a smile: "It gives me a double chance. The Sky Blues now play 4-2-4, with Tommy Hutchison and Ray Graydon definitely on the wings and Mick Ferguson and Ian Wallace striking through the middle.

"Hutchy and Ray are extremely good and experienced players."

Asked for which country he would prefer to play, Don replies: "Either would have been an honour. But Wales manager Mike Smith selected me for the World Cup squad to play in Czechoslovakia and I am

proud to have been chosen.

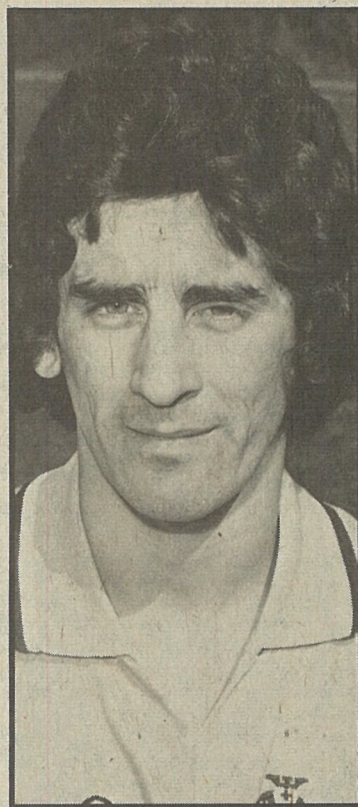
"My parents are Italian and they would have been delighted if I had ever been given the chance to play for their native country. But they are very pleased I've been selected for Wales."

About his introduction to the first team squad, Don says: "I thought it would be strange, but it was no problem.

"Being named as sub gave me a great boost. After four years with The Sky Blues, I was beginning to wonder if they had forgotten about me.

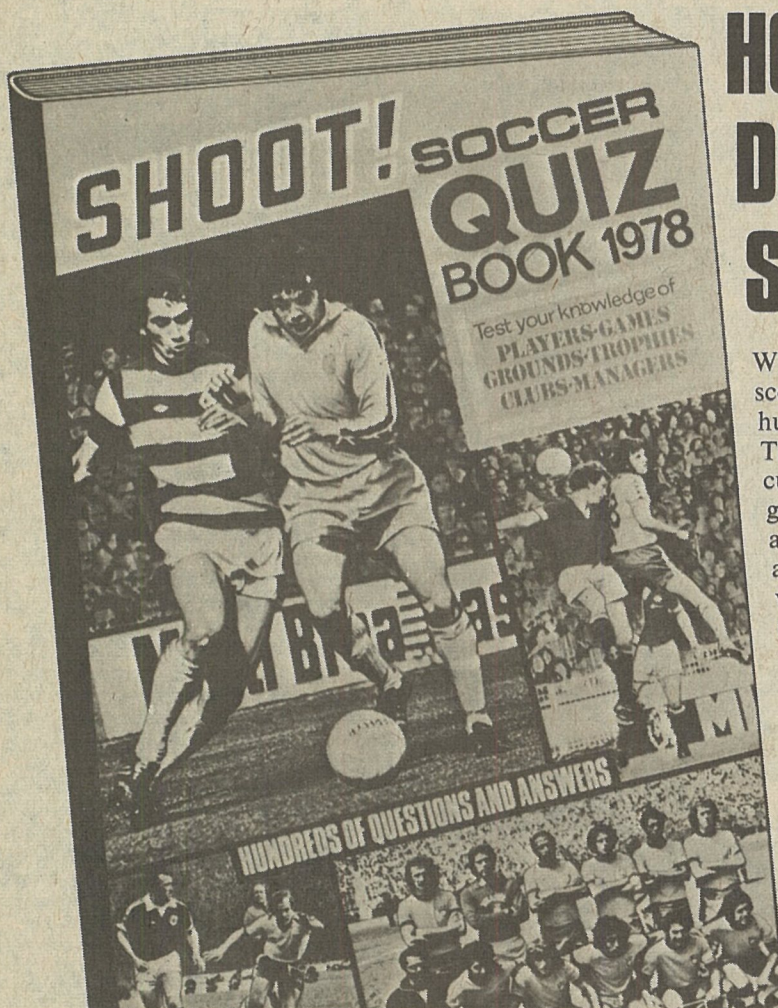
"I train with the first team during the week and have played with several of them in the reserves, so I was quite relaxed.

"I was pleased City had confidence enough in me for I had not been having too good a time in the reserves. Being made substitute, then promoted to the first-team, gave me a perfect 'lift'



at just the right moment."

Now Donato has won a first-team place and could achieve his ambition to play for Wales. And that wouldn't surprise coach Ron Wylie.

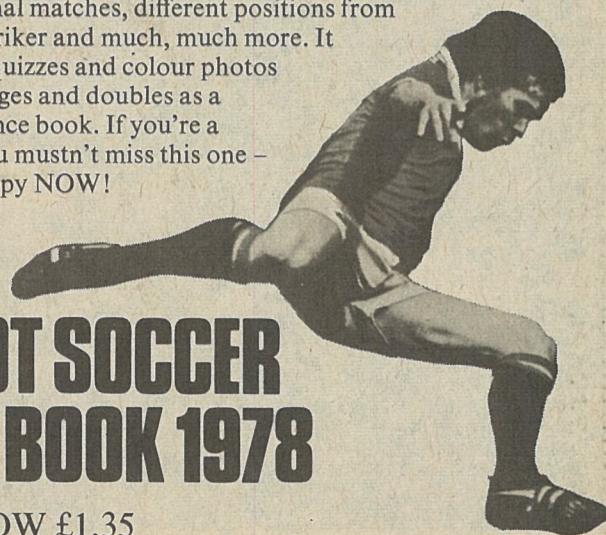


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ITALY's 6-1 defeat of Finland in Turin, just a few days after England's disappointing 2-0 result against Luxembourg, has put the World Cup Finals in Argentina beyond our reach.

I know mathematically we can still qualify, but it would take a miracle performance by the plucky part-timers of Luxembourg to book our passage to Buenos Aires.

Italy, the country I made my England debut against in America in May, 1976, are in a very strong position and can afford to lose 2-0 at Wembley next Wednesday (November 16th) yet still go through by beating Luxembourg by 1-0.

No need for me to remind you of England's dismal showing in the Grand Duchy last month... our failure to hammer a side whose last victory was in 1973.

One Fleet Street writer described England's performance as a humiliating victory. How right he was.

I can't understand why England find it so hard to score goals especially against inferior opposition.

Perhaps we try too hard and become over anxious.

As Pele said recently: "England must have patience — not panic. In Luxembourg it was panic."

There was certainly a lot of pressure on us to do well... to score a hatful of goals. If only we could relax a little the results might come.

Maybe we do lack one or two world-class players, but they aren't born or developed overnight. England haven't got a second Bobby Moore, or a Bobby Charlton — yet!

I honestly don't believe there is a great deal wrong with the present England team that one or two good victories won't put right.

We can start regaining our confidence with a victory against the Italians next week.

I just know England are going to win at Wembley. We will be playing for pride, dignity and our self-respect, not for a place in the World Cup Finals.

England have taken a pounding recently, from the fans and critics, especially after Scotland's magnificent achievement.

The Italians hit the Finns for six. Okay, it was a superb display of



my soccer scene

**GORDON
HILL**

'THERE'S NOT MUCH WRONG WITH ENGLAND'

finishing power, especially from Bettega. But from what I've seen and read, the Finns offered very little resistance. They seemed afraid of Italy... England won't be.

All nations play above themselves against England. Everyone wants to beat us. In many instances even a draw is considered a moral victory by the Maltese, and Luxembourgs.

It's like Manchester United playing Swansea or Darlington in the F.A. Cup. For 90 minutes the opposition are magic, it's their

Wembley. But nine times out of ten we'd beat them out of sight.

All credit to Luxembourg, though. Their defensive display was magnificent.

Italy will obviously be different class. They mark man-for-man with a sweeper tidying up at the back.

They are one of the world's toughest teams at the moment to beat, but not invincible — as West Germany proved in Berlin recently.

The Germans defeated Italy by stretching them down the wings. These are the tactics Ron Greenwood may well decide on next week. After all what have we got to lose by attacking them?

I don't know what the England boss has in mind, or indeed if I'll be playing.

As I write I am a little afraid for my

international future. Mr. Greenwood may well bring in all the youngsters the media have been demanding.

I agree the Under-21's have done extremely well lately, scoring 14 goals in their last two matches. But soccer at senior international level is totally different.

And overall, few young England caps make the big step up into the full side.

Perhaps one or two could be introduced against Italy, but to my mind the England team are playing enough youngsters at the moment.

All sides need a blend of youth and experience. Youngsters have the stamina and courage, but lack the know-how and class.

Whatever changes Ron Greenwood makes I desperately hope I'm included in England's future plans.

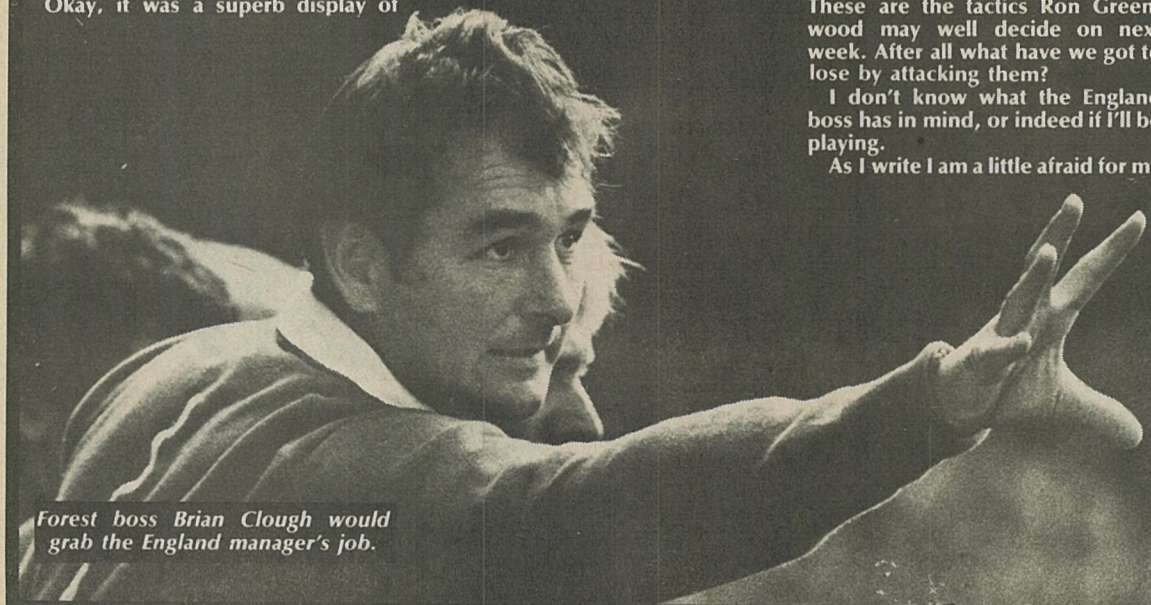
After all I'll only be 27 by the time the next World Cup comes around, probably at my peak.

Despite recent results, Ron Greenwood is envied by practically every other boss in the country because he's the manager of England.

After Luxembourg doubts were expressed in some quarters as to his ability, but he hasn't had much of a chance to put things right.

Whether he chooses me next week or not, I hope Ron Greenwood's appointment is made permanent.

It was unfair to expect him to turn



Forest boss Brian Clough would grab the England manager's job.



Gordon lines up for his full England debut against Italy in America.

England into a team of world-beaters in three games.

Good international sides take several years to build, not months.

I like the Greenwood, Geoff Hurst and Bill Taylor team. They have the right ideas and ideals.

Now every member of the squad is made to feel important . . . a vital part of the set-up.

Under Don Revie, it was simply a case of 11 just men. The first team and nothing else mattered.

If indeed he wants the job give it to Mr. Greenwood. Allow him the time to put his theories into practice.

Sure the match against Italy could be the end of his brief reign. But playing well and beating a world-class side like Italy could see the start of an exciting revival of England at international level.

Even though they are 99 per cent certain of a place in the World Cup Finals, I don't think Italy really relish the thought of playing us at Wembley.

The match, not now so vital from our point of view, is still a sell-out.

I'm sure England will give our fans something to cheer at last. It certainly won't be for the want of trying — I promise you.

Before I end this week, just enough time and space to mention Manchester United's match this Saturday (November 12th) against Nottingham Forest, managed by Brian Clough who has said he'd take

charge of England for nothing.

That's the sort of pride and passion we need. Whatever you think of Cloughie, you must admit he finds success wherever he goes.

Take the Forest revival. Who would have thought a couple of years ago that they'd have a team capable of topping the First Division as they've done this season?

People still can't believe they are serious title challengers, but they said that about Ipswich Town 15 years ago, when they were managed by a certain Sir Alf Ramsey.

United are expecting a hard match at the City Ground, but there's no way we'll play it safe. Settle for a draw.

We've had a couple of set-backs lately, in the League and in Europe. Now we must start to make amends.

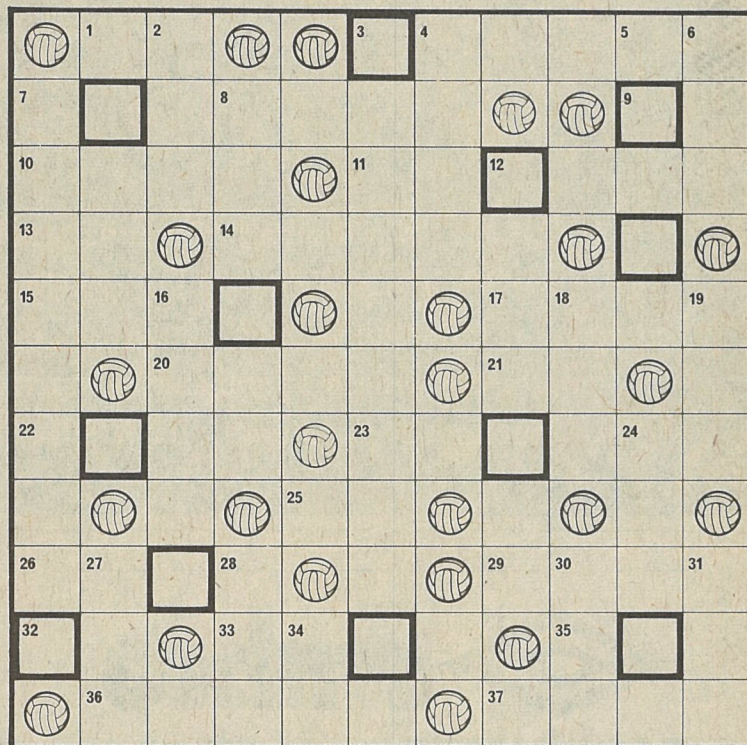
Like England at Wembley next Wednesday, a victory against this fiery Forest side will give our confidence one heck of a boost.

See you next week . . .

Gordon Strachan

Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Liverpool midfielder. Answers on page 42.

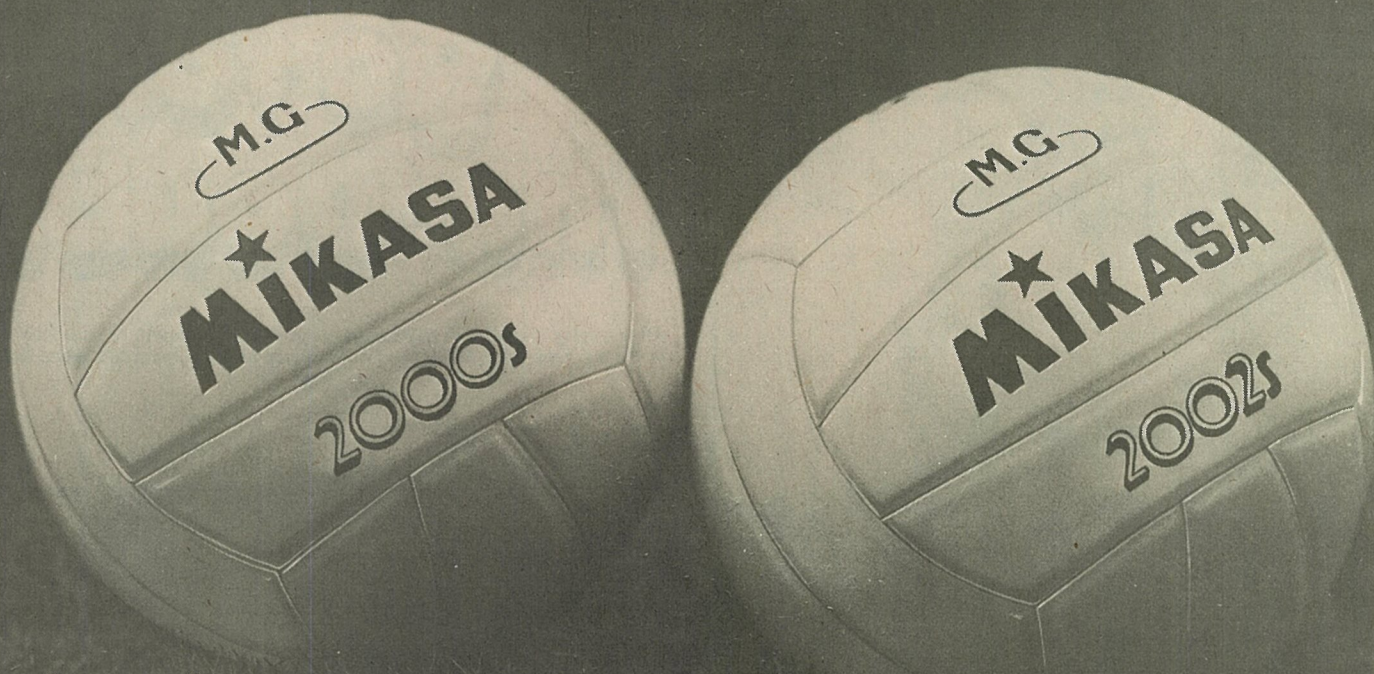


ACROSS:—

- (1) David --bb of Leicester City.
- (3) Month in which the soccer season traditionally starts.
- (7) Ray —, Chelsea and England midfielder.
- (9) Peter Wit-- of Nottingham Forest.
- (10) With nothing to do.
- (11) P-i-st-i-l- St-dium (Gillingham). Dreaded from the omissions.
- (13) Dave Cle--nt of Q.P.R.
- (14) Turn round the exits to have being!
- (15) Boast.
- (17) She--ield Un--ed play at Bramall Lane. Missing letters reversed.
- (20) — Mariner of Ipswich Town.
- (21) Martin Buch-- of Manchester United.
- (22) R-cre-tion G-ou-d home of Alder-shot.
- (23) Voucher.
- (25) Roger Osb--ne of Ipswich.
- (26) The —, Sheffield Wednesday's nickname.
- (29) — Mortensen, former famous name with Blackpool and England.
- (32) Kilmar--ck (Scottish Div. I).
- (33) The visitors are the — team.
- (35) Hamilton are in the Scottish League, Division —.
- (36) Appointed or identified — as on the first team list, for example.
- (37) Alan —, Luton Town midfielder.

DOWN:—

- (1) Further apart.
- (2) Old measure of length needed to complete Steve Copp--- of Manchester United.
- (3) Famous ground of Liverpool (7 & 4).
- (4) Employs.
- (5) Take five letters from Sheffield for a ledge.
- (6) — Drake, former famous Arsenal goalscorer.
- (7) Latest addition to the English Football League.
- (8) Kevin —, England and Hamburger SV star.
- (12) Assaults; as on the opponents' goal.
- (16) -h-- P--kes (Q.P.R.). A month from the missing letters.
- (18) L---s Park, home of Montrose.
- (19) In excellent physical condition.
- (24) Ian —, Wales and C. Palace defender.
- (27) Triumphed.
- (28) ---my Chapman, captain of Notts County.
- (30) Foot part from Peter Eastoe of Q.P.R.
- (31) --wcas-le United, The Magpies.
- (34) Sha-fi-ld. Ground of Clyde.



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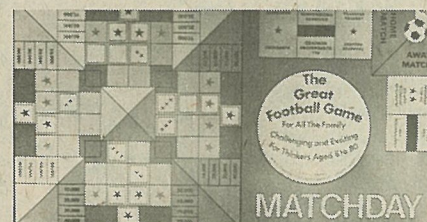
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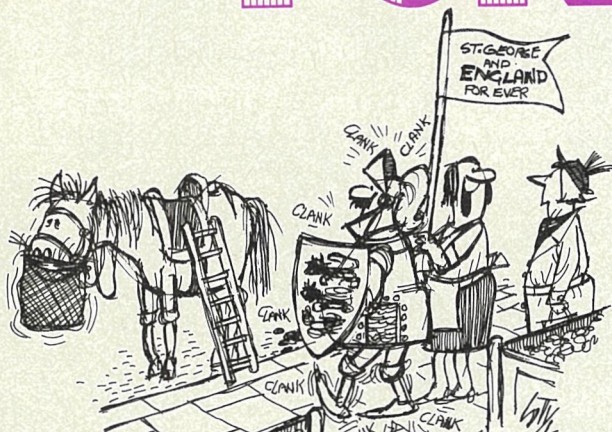
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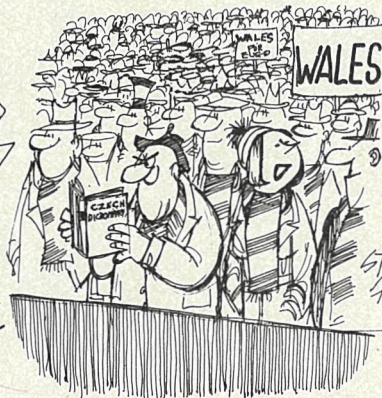


"To inspire our team with national fervour, he's going to ride on to the Wembley pitch dressed as St. George"



"I like your spirit, boyo — sneak away and score a goal while the band is playing the National anthem, indeed"

"I've promised the wife a mink coat and a diamond ring if we notch up more than six"



"He wants to shout out something cheeky in Czech"



"But I only said to the bloke next to me — do our image good if we could beat these Italians ten goals to nil"

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Paul Mariner nods the ball on to Dave Watson, yet once again the Luxembourg defence frustrated a disappointing England.



Holland's Willie van der Kerkhof races through towards the Northern Ireland goal in Belfast, watched by David McCreery (on ground) and Sammy Mellroy (number eight).



Kenny Dalglish rises high to send a darting header towards the Wales goal.

WORLD CUP GLOOM AND GLORY

AS SCOTLAND booked their ticket to Argentina by beating Wales 2-0 at Anfield, England and the Republic of Ireland said goodbye to their hopes of reaching the Finals. There can be no doubt Scotland are Britain's best team and will do themselves proud next June. For the rest, it's roll on 1982 and hope for a better fate next time.



Ire had plenty of goal-chances v. Bulgaria, but missed them all. Here, Kostov beats Gerry Daly to the ball.



Scotland's World Cup goal heroes... Kenny Dalglish (complete with Wales shirt) and Don Masson.

SHOOT!

'BOLTON HAVEN'T BEEN FAILURES'

IT IS perhaps appropriate you need more than a couple of fists to count off in fingers the number of football folk who still believe thump comes before Turkish Delight niceties and that, in short, you've got to be mighty tough to kick your way into the First Division.

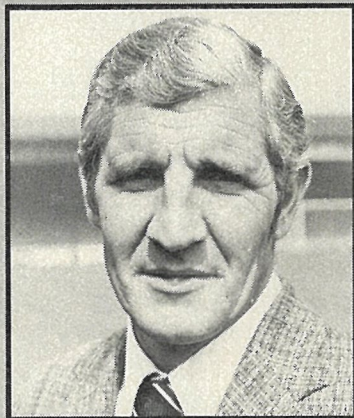
The extremists are best left alone with their rough tactics. People like Ian Greaves produce teams who are a joy to watch. And with any luck this season he'll take Bolton up into the First Division after recent seasons of misfiring at the close.

Greaves has made his point after drawing at Crystal Palace and beating Brighton in two hot away games. Just listen to his arguments and decide for yourselves who you would prefer to watch.

Said happy Ian at Selhurst Park: "I don't believe the Second Division is a kicking race. There is more pure football being played than for years and a lot of it is better than some of the stuff you see in the First Division.

"The hatchet men have disappeared. Palace, Brighton and Mansfield have come up from the Third Division playing football. Tottenham, Sunderland and Stoke have been relegated but they still play some good football.

"Even the wrong end of the table is not a kickers' League. George Petchey kept playing the



says manager Ian Greaves

And we've enjoyed three tremendous Cup-ties.

"I reckon we've been almost as consistent as Liverpool without getting the final bounce of the ball. Our aim has always been to play attractive football as an attacking side and be worth watching.

"I've long been a disciple of Ron Greenwood. He went about things in the right way.

"The result is important of course, but I believe in the long run it's how the team plays that matters."

There are those in Lancashire who start every sentence about football with the magic word Liverpool. They aren't bad judges to look upon the residents of Anfield as top of the tree. But some people around Bolton reckon the old days could return there, too.

You can't, despite a few seasons of not too much success, forget the fact they were once in the top Division.

Nowadays Greaves looks upon his namesake, Roy Greaves, Willie Morgan, Frank Worthington.

"Greaves is no relation of mine," he says. "But some people jokingly

call him my grandson. Willie is terrific. He's been doing exceptionally well this season and I rate him one of the best signings for nothing.

"Certainly people look back at my days as manager of Huddersfield when I had a fracas with our players, including Frank Worthington. But my personal feelings don't influence my decisions if I think they are right. It's what Frank does for Bolton now that counts, not what happened at Huddersfield a few years ago."

Greaves' attitude is good for the game. Only a cranky man would regard it in any other way. Listen to what he has to say about the club's first games this season.

"We won our first four games, but a win can cause a multitude of sins. I was unhappy, so too were the players. We were doing things wrong yet had six points from three matches. We could have settled into creating bad habits. Instead we talked about it and got back on the right road.

"Football remember has changed. You have got to pamper to spectators. Warm stands, pies and chips in good seats. On the field as well you've got to produce the kind of football that keeps the fans happy.

"Of course you've got to defend as well as attack. But if you defend well then you can go forward more often and in a more effective way."

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Cosmos row in Brazil

THE COSMOS are threatening to wreck Brazil's World Cup plans. Directors of the American club have been "poaching" in Brazil — with captain Roberto Rivelino top of their wanted list.

Jaime Meyer, a Cosmos official, went to Rio and spoke to Claudio Coutinho, the Brazil manager, regarding the transfer of 31-year-old Rivelino (right).

This has sparked off a major row and critics can see "1974 happening all over again".

Three years ago, before the last World Cup, certain Brazilian stars were "tapped" before the tournament and this was considered one of the main reasons for Brazil's failure in West Germany.

"A player who has a lucrative contract awaiting him doesn't want to be injured," says the cynical Brazilian Press.

Rivelino said: "Everything depends on what the Cosmos offer me, but I want to play for Brazil.



However, as a professional, if their offer is good enough . . .

Joao Saldanha, former Brazil boss and now an outspoken journalist, wrote: "This man Meyer should not be allowed in Brazil, let alone the place where our players are training.

"If he takes Rivelino, he should take everyone including Coutinho. Where is the respect for the Brazil shirt now?"

Saldanha also had some pretty nasty things to say about American soccer after Flamengo had beaten Cosmos 4-1 in a friendly.

"If that's how they play football in the U.S. there's not much hope. It's a joke. Maybe Cosmos are a good team for their standard, but I bet 50-1 any beach team could beat them here."

● Brazil star Zico became a father on the morning of Flamengo's game with Vitoria. He celebrated in true style by scoring twice in his side's 5-0 victory.

HORST Koppel of Borussia Mönchengladbach must be in line for the title "unluckiest player of the year". Unable to command a first team place, a transfer was arranged to Hertha BSC, Berlin. Two days before he was due to sign Koppel broke a leg in training.

Football Fiesta

THE last five minutes of the Beerschot v FC Bruges game caused a sensation. The Belgian Champions were losing 2-0 and Beerschot wanted to give their fans a football fiesta.

To the chant of "Bruges — ha, ha, ha," the Beerschot players started to pass the ball to one another and no Bruges player attempted to intervene.

The ref could not penalise them for time-wasting as the ball was moving around freely. Some Beerschot players even started a game of head-tennis, while others did some body exercises!

REAL'S LOSS

REAL Madrid's audited accounts for the 1976-77 season reveal an overall loss of around £300,000. The accounts include all Real's sporting activities, but the figures for football are the main reason for the deficit.

Despite income of £420,000 arising from the sale of players, the figures reflect the team's wretched form last year.

Thanks to early exits from the European Cup and the Spanish Cup, gate receipts were nearly £300,000 below the expected minimum, and new signings totalled just over £800,000 instead of the predicted £500,000.

Real's accountants must be just a shade more cheerful after the team's good showing since the departure of Miljan Miljanic . . .

HOLLAND star Jan Peters was married in Groesbeek and received an unusual present from two young fans: a loaf of currant-bread six feet long with the message: "Love you need every day, like bread" on it.

WORLD CUP KICK-OFFS

THE opening game of the 1978 World Cup Finals on June 1st will kick-off at 3pm (6pm GMT) in the River Plate Stadium, Buenos Aires. West Germany, the holders, will be one of the teams.

Those of you who will be watching the action won't need to stay up to the early hours of the morning.

Games involving European teams will begin at 5, 5.30 or 6pm GMT. Argentina's matches will be around five hours later.

The Final will start at 6pm GMT.

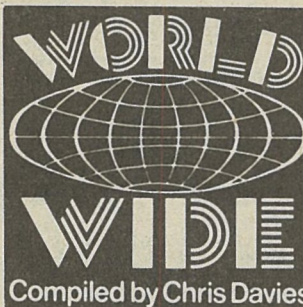
West Germany and Argentina will be two of the top seeds, and the other two will be decided just before the draw in January. My guess is that they will be Holland and Brazil, so Scotland can expect at least one very tough game early on.

Doping tests will be carried out on players.

INTERMILAN captain Facchetti is under fire after the Italian club's U.E.F.A. Cup defeat by Dynamo Tbilisi. Facchetti, 35, was severely criticised, but Italy manager Enzo Bearzot said: "He is still the best sweeper in the country. We need his experience and can't afford to lose him."

WHEN Borussia Mönchengladbach lost 5-2 to 1.FC Cologne recently, it was the first time in almost ten years the German Champions had conceded more than four goals.

THE coach of the Italian Second Division club Catanzaro was stolen from outside the ground recently. The players had left all their valuables on it, fearing the dressing-rooms might be broken into . . .



All a plot claims Kovacs

RUMANIA's national team manager Stefan Kovacs stepped out of line before his team's World Cup defeat against Spain in Madrid.

He claimed in statements to the Press there was a Mafia-type plot to make sure Spain qualify for next year's World Cup in Argentina. First, he asserted Dutch referee Linnemayer had been bribed, and then he went on to claim the Argentinians had offered Yugoslavia a large sum of money to "throw" their vital game against Spain in Belgrade later this month.

All this, says Kovacs, is because Spain's presence in the World Cup Finals will be financially attractive to the Argentinians, whereas Rumania are not a crowd-pulling team, and few fans would make the trip across the Atlantic.

The Spanish authorities have notified F.I.F.A. of Kovacs' explosive comments, suggesting he's bringing the game into disrepute.

TRAGEDY IN BELGIUM

TRAGEDY at a Belgian Second Division game between Sint-Truiden and Waterschei. The secretary of the home side fainted and officials called an ambulance.

However, the vehicle couldn't get into the ground because a car was parked in front of the main entrance.

Officials tried to massage the secretary's heart, but by the time the ambulance men got through he was dead.

CUBAN double Olympic gold medal winning athlete Alberto Juantorena was asked about Johan Cruyff in an interview with Spanish magazine Don Balon.

"Who? I've never heard of him. What does he do?"

THE North American Soccer League are decreasing the number of non-American players clubs may field.

Last season, teams could have ten foreigners . . . next season it will be nine, reducing to six by 1984.

BUSINESSMAN MAIER



WEST Germany goalkeeper Sepp Maier (seen here — what a great picture!) has been organising some business deals to tie in with the 1978 World Cup Finals.

Maier, 33, phoned round some friends and signed a contract guaranteeing £4,000 for each player who would sign 10,000 footballs.

The Bayern goalkeeper set to work immediately and timed himself: it took 20 hours.

Maier, Bonhof and Flohe have also signed contracts with a firm who produce T-shirts with their faces on, guaranteeing the players £5,000 each.

Other Germans are waiting for better offers . . .



PAINTER HELPS CLUB

BARCELONA club San Andrés have been in severe financial difficulties for some months now, and it's been widely rumoured the club would fold altogether. But help has come from an unexpected quarter — world-famous painter Salvador Dali, who lives on the Costa Brava.

Dali has presented the club with a special picture entitled "Goal", and the club intend to pay off all their debts by auctioning the "masterpiece" by Spain's eccentric genius.

RESULTS . . . SCORERS . . . TEAM LINE-UPS

SATURDAY, OCT. 1

FOURTH DIVISION

(continued)

HUDDERSFIELD (3) 4 (Gray, Butler, Baines, Armstrong)

DONCASTER (0) 1 (Habbin) 4,592
Huddersfield: Taylor; Brown, Sandercock, Sidebottom, Baines, Hart, Gray, Armstrong, Eccles, Johnson, Butler.

Doncaster: Peacock; Wignall, Reed, Robinson, Owen, Taylor, Miller, Laidlaw, O'Callaghan, Habbin, Bentley.

NEWPORT (2) 3 (Woods, Preece 2, 1 pen.)
GRIMSBY (0) 0 2,746

Newport: Plumley; Derrett, Bell, Emanuel, Walker (R), Jones, Woods (Clark), Williams, Goddard, Relish, Preece.

Grimbsy: Wainman; Mawer, Moore, Waters, Barker, Partridge, Liddell, Ford, Drinkell, Cumming, Broly.

READING (1) 2 (Earles, Cumming)

WIMBLEDON (1) 2 (Summerill, Holmes) 4,369
Reading: Death; Peters, Lewis, Cumming, Hetzke, Moreline, Earles, Nelson, Williams, Sanchez, Bowman.

Wimbledon: Teale; Tilley, Galvin, Bryant, Edwards, Bassett, Galliers, Davies, Summerill, Holmes, Leslie.

ROCHDALE (1) 2 (Melledew, Pritchett o.g.)

WATFORD (1) 3 (Joslyn, Mercer, Mayes) 1,278
Rochdale: Poole; Hallows, O'Loughlin, Boslem (Oliver), Scott, Bannan, Melledew, Seddon, Owen, Esser, Tarbuck.

Watford: Sherwood; How, Pritchett, Joslyn, Ellis, Garner, Blissett, Downes, Mayes, Bolton, Alder (Mercer).

SCUNTHORPE (1) 2 (Heron, Lumby pen.)

NORTHAMPTON (2) 2 (Martin 2) 2,580
Scunthorpe: Crawford; Czuczman, Peacock, Kavanagh, Money, Bridges, Oates, Kilmore (Pilling), Lumby, Keeley, Heron.

Northampton: Garnham; Mead, Tucker, Liddle, Robertson, Best, Farrington, Bryant, Reilly, Christie, Martin.

SWANSEA (1) 1 (Curtis, pen.)
ALDERSHOT (0) 0 5,721

Swansea: Barber; Evans, Bartley, Smith, May, Lally, Dalling, Chappell, Curtis, Charles, Moore (K).

Aldershot: Rockett; Howitt, Butler, Dixon, Youlson, Jopling, Crosby, Brodie, Needham, Dungworth, McGregor (Hooper).

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Ayr: Sproat; Filippi, Murphy, Fleming, McAnespie, Hannah (McCulloch), McSherry, McCall, McLelland, Masterton, Cramond.

Dundee U: McAlpine; Rolland, Kopel, Fleming, Hegarty, Narey, Sturrock, Wallace, Bourke, Addison, Payne.

CELTIC (1) 3 (Edvaldsson, Glavin, Craig)

HIBS (0) 1 (McKay) 26,000
Celtic: Latchford; McGrain, Kay, Edvaldsson, McDonald, Aitken, Glavin, Wilson, Craig, McAdam, Burns.

Hibs: McDonald; McNamara, Schaedler, Brazil, Stewart, Blackley, McLeod, Bremner, McKay, Higgins, Duncan.

MOTHERWELL (0) 1 (O'Neill)

ABERDEEN (1) 1 (McMaster) 6,466
Motherwell: Rennie; Watson, Wark, Miller (J), McVie, Stevens, McLaren, O'Neill, McAdam (O'Rourke), Davidson, Purdie (Marinello).

Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, McLelland, Robb (Sullivan), Garner, Miller, Davidson, Jarvie, Harper, Fleming, McMaster.

RANGERS (0) 4 (Cooper 2, Smith 2)

CLYDEBANK (1) 1 (Colgan) 18,000
Rangers: Kennedy; Jardine, Miller, Forsyth, Jackson, McDonald, McKean (McLean), Russell, Johnstone, Smith, Cooper.

Clydebank: Gallagher; Hall, Abel, Fallon, McCormick, Hay, Ronald, McColl, Larnach, McCallan, Colgan (McNaughton).

ST. MIRREN (0) 2 (McGarvey, pen., Copland)

PARTICK (0) 1 (Somner) 9,000

St. Mirren: Hunter; Beckett, Young, Richard-son, Reid, Copland, Docherty, Stark, McGarvey, Abercrombie, Hyslop.

Partick: Rough; Mackie, Whittaker, Ander-son, Marr, Gibson, Houston, Somner, McQuade, Melrose (Kelly), Love.

MONDAY, OCT. 3

FIRST DIVISION

WEST HAM (0) 0

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 2 (Mills 2) 26,508
West Ham: Day; Lampard, Brush, Holland, Taylor (T), McGiven, Taylor (A), Robson, Hales (Devonshire), Brooking, Pike.

Middlesbrough: Platt; Craggs, Cooper, Sou-ness, Boam, Ramage, Mahoney, Mills, Ashcroft, McAndrew, Armstrong.

THIRD DIVISION

TRANMERE (0) 2 (Moore, Peplow)

EXETER (0) 1 (Roberts) 3,807
Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Parry, Philpotts, Evans, Peplow, Palios, Moore, Tynan, Allen.

Exeter: Key; Templeman, Hore, Bowker, Saxton, Hatch, Hodge, Kellow, Randall, Roberts, Jennings.

WREXHAM (1) 4 (Murray o.g., McNeil 2, Evans)

CAMBRIDGE (1) 1 (Biley) 6,474
Wrexham: Davies; Evans, Dwyer (Thomas), Davis, Roberts, Cartwright, Shinton, Sutton, McNeil, Whittle, Griffiths.

Cambridge: Webster; Batson, Murray, Stringer, Fallon, Howard, Streete, Spriggs, Morgan, Finney, Biley.

FOURTH DIVISION

BRENTFORD (0) 0

WATFORD (2) 3 (Ellis, Mayes, Jenkins) 15,500
Brentford: Bond; Fraser, Allen (Walker), Lloyd, Kruse, Shrubbs, Carlton, Graham, Sweetzer, McCulloch, Phillips.

Watford: Rankin; How, Pritchett, Joslyn, Ellis, Garner, Downes, Mercer, Jenkins, Bolton, Mayes.

SOUTHEND (0) 0

STOCKPORT (2) 2 (Summerbee, Massey) 5,871
Southend: Freeman; Moody, Banks, Laverick, Townsend, Young (Polycarpou), Morris, Clark, Parker, Hadley, Foggan.

Stockport: Rogan; Lawler, Rutter, Thomp-son, Loadwick, Fogarty, Summerbee, Halford, Park, Prudham, Massey.

TUESDAY, OCT 4

FIRST DIVISION

ARSENAL 0

LIVERPOOL 0 47,110
Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price, O'Leary, Simpson, Brady, Ross (Matthews), Macdonald, Stapleton, Rix.

Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Jones, Thomp-son, Kennedy, Hansen, Dalglish, Case, Fair-clough (Johnson), McDermott, Callaghan.

BIRMINGHAM (2) 2 (Francis 2)

Q.P.R. (1) 1 (Masson) 21,304
Birmingham: Montgomery; Calderwood, Pendrey, Page, Howard, Want, Connolly, Fran-cis, Bertschin, Hibbitt, Emmanuel.

Q.P.R.: Parkes; Clement, Shanks, Leach, Needham, Abbott, Eastoe (Williams), Busby, Masson, Bowles, Givens.

COVENTRY (1) 4 (Ferguson 3, Wallace)

MAN. CITY (2) 2 (Tueart, Barnes) 19,586
Coventry: Sealey; Oakey, McDonald, Yorath, Holton, Coop, Beck, Wallace, Ferguson, Powell, Hutchison.

Man. C: Corrigan; Clements, Donachie, Kidd, Watson, Booth, Barnes, Power, Royle, Hart-ford, Tueart.

EVERTON (2) 3 (Higgins, King pen., Latchford)

W.B.A. (1) 1 (Brown T., pen) 34,582
Everton: Wood; Jones, Pejic, Lyons, Higgins, Pearson, King, Dobson, Latchford, McKenzie, Thomas.

W.B.A.: Godden; Mulligan, Statham, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Cantello, Cunningham, Regis, Robson, Johnston.

NOTTM FOREST (1) 4 (Withe 4)

IPSWICH (0) 0 26,845

Nottm F: Shilton; Anderson, Barrett, McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, O'Neill, Bowyer, Withe, Woodcock, Robertson.

Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Tibbott, Talbot (Lambert), Hunter, Beattie, Mills, Gates, Mariner, Whymark, Woods.

WOLVES (0) 1 (Hibbitt)

DERBY (1) 2 (Hughes 2) 21,571
Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Daley, Daly, Parkin, McAlle, Hibbitt, Carr, Richards, Kindon (Patching), Sunderland.

Derby: Middleton; Langan, Nish, Daly, McFarland, Daniel, Powell, Hector, Hughes, George, James (O'Riordan).

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKPOOL (1) 3 (Hart, Hatton 2)

C. PALACE (0) 1 (Chatterton) 9,369
Blackpool: Ward; Milligan, Harrison, Hart, McEwan, Suddaby, Ronson, Ainscow, Walsh, Hatton, Weston.

C. Palace: Burns; Hinshelwood (P), Sansom, Graham, Cannon, Gilbert, Swindlehurst, Chat-terton, Hilaire, Bourne, Harkouk.

BOLTON (3) 4 (Greaves 2, Reid, Allardye)

BLACKBURN (1) 2 (Taylor, Waddington)

Bolton: McDonagh; Nicholson, Dunne, Greaves, Walsh, Allardye, Morgan, What-more, Train, Reid, Waddington.

Blackburn: Butcher; Hird, Bailey Wadding-ton, Keeley, Fazackerley, Brotherston, Taylor, Round, Parkes, Wagstaffe.

BRISTOL R (1) 3 (Williams 2, Powell)

MANSFIELD (0) 1 (Moss) 4,980
Bristol R: Thomas; Bater, Taylor (A), Day, Taylor (S), Prince, Stephens, Williams, Powell, Staniforth, Barry.

Mansfield: Arnold; Bird, Phillips, Matthews, Foster, Wood, Sharkey, Moss, Syrett, Hodg-son, Aston.

CHARLTON (2) 4 (Tydeman, McAuley, Peacock, Powell)

BRIGHTON (1) 3 (Ward 2, 1 pen, Winstanley)

Charlton: Wood; Penfold, Warman, Tyde-man, Giles, Berry, Powell, Abrahams (Griff), Flanagan, Peacock, McAuley.

Brighton: Steele; Tiler, Williams, Horton, Winstanley, Cattlin, Potts, Piper, Mellor (Fell), Ward, O'Sullivan.

FULHAM (1) 4 (Mitchell 2, Mahoney, Best)

BURNLEY (0) 1 (Flynn) 6,895

Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Howe, Lacy (Bullivant), Gale, Best, Margerrison, Mitchell, Mahoney, Evanson.

Burnley: Stevenson; Newton, Brennan, Noble, Robinson, Higgins, Cochrane, Ingham, Fletcher, Flynn, Smith.



Denis Smith scored Stoke's goal in their 1-1 away draw against Oldham.

HULL (2) 2 (Warboys 2)

TOTTENHAM (0) 0 10,966
Hull: Wealand; Nisbet, DeVries, Galvin, Dobson, Roberts, Haigh, Grimes, Warboys, Bannister, Stewart.

Tottenham: Daines; Naylor, Holmes, Hod-dle, Osgood, Peryman, Pratt (Coates), McNab, Armstrong, Robinson, Taylor.

LUTON (0) 1 (Price)

MILLWALL (0) 0 9,119

Luton: Aleksic; Price, Buckley, West, Faulk-ner, Fletcher (P), Husband (Carr), Hill, Fletcher (R), Fuccillo, Boersma.

Millwall: Johns; Donaldson, Walker, Adams, Kitchener, Hazell, Hamilton, Seasman, Lee (Smith), Pearson, Chambers.

OLDHAM (1) 1 (Halom)

STOKE (1) 1 (Smith) 8,458
Oldham: Ogden; Hoolickin, Holt, Bell, Edwards, Hurst, Valentine, Wood, Halom, Chapman, Young.

Stoke: Jones; Lumsdon, Lindsay, Kendall, Smith, Dodd, Waddington, Johnson, Gregory, McGroarty, Crooks.

SHEFF. UTD (4) 4 (Edwards 2, Campbell, Hamson)

NOTTS CO (0) 1 (Hooks) 12,495

Sheff. U: Brown; Cutbush, Calvert, Speight, Colquhoun (Hamilton), Flynn, Woodward, Campbell, Edwards, Hamson, Salmons.

Notts Co: McManus; Benjamin, O'Brien, Chapman, Stubbs, Mann, Carter, Hooks, Sims, Birchenall, Richards.

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Osgood)

ORIENT (0) 0 15,789

Southampton: Wells; Sharpe, Peach, Wil-liams, Nicholl, Pickering, Ball, Boyer, Osgood, Holmes, MacDougall.

Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Roffey, Grealish, Hoadley, Roeder, Chielozie, Glover, Mayo, Kitchen, Bennett.

SUNDERLAND (0) 1 (Greenwood)

CARDIFF (1) 1 (Livermore) 18,484

Sunderland: Siddall; Henderson, Bolton, Kerr, Elliott, Ashurst, Roston, Arnott, Green-wood, Lee (Armstrong), Rowell.

Cardiff: Irwin; Dwyer, Attley, Campbell, Went, Pontin, Byrne, Livermore, Evans, Rob-son, Buchanan.

THIRD DIVISION

CARLISLE (2) 2 (Bonnyman, MacDonald)

LINCOLN (0) 3 (Fleming 2, Harding) 4,041

Carlisle: Ross; Hoolickin, McCartney, Carr, Macdonald, Ludlam (Hamilton), McVitie, Bonnyman, Clarke, Rafferty, Martin.

Lincoln: Grotier; Neale, Leigh, Booth, Wig-ginton, Crombie, Fleming, Graham, Hubbard, Smith, Harding.

PETERBOROUGH (1) 1 (Robson)

OXFORD (0) 0 4,183

Peterborough: Barron; Hindley, Lee, Doyle, Turner, Ross, Slough, Butlin, Cozens, Car-michael, Robson.

Oxford: Burton; Kingston, Fogg, Bodel, Clarke, Jeffrey, McGrogan (Seacole), Taylor, Foley, Curran, Duncan.

PLYMOUTH (2) 2 (Hall, Austin)

SHREWSBURY (1) 2 (Nixon, Atkins pen.) 4,661

Plymouth: Barron; Smart, Uzzell, Bason, Foster, Craven, Hall, Delve, Austin, Binney, Rogers (Horswill).

Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; King, Leonard, Dur-ban, Griffin, Atkins, Irvine, Hornsby, Lindsay, Bates, Nixon.

PORTSMOUTH 0

CHESTER 0 10,465

Portsmouth: Middleton; Roberts, Wilson, Piper, Foster, Denyer, Barnard (Pullar), Kemp, Gilchrist, Stokes, Mellows.

Chester: Lloyd; Raynor, Walker, Storton, Delgado, Oakes, Crossley, Jeffries, Kearney, Edwards (I), Phillips.

PRESTON (2) 2 (Elwiss, Cross)

SHEFF. WED (1) 1 (Baxter o.g.) 7,627

Preston: Tunks; Cameron, Wilson, Doyle, Baxter, Cross, Coleman, Haslegrave, Smith, Elwiss, Bruce.

Sheff W: Turner; Walden, Rushbury, Mullen, Cusack, Leman, Wyde, Johnson, Tynan, Hope (Dowd), Bradshaw.

ROTHERHAM (1) 3 (Stancilffe, Crawford 2)

WALSALL (0) 0 4,848

Rotherham: McAlister; Forrest, Breckin, Rhodes, Stancilffe, Green, Finney, Phillips, Gwyther, Goodfellow (Womble), Crawford.

Walsall: Green; Taylor, Harrison, Hynd, Serella, Evans, Robertson, Bates, Wood, Buckley, Birch.

SWINDON (0) 0
BRADFORD (0) 1 (Cooke) 7,569
 Swindon: Allan; McLaughlin, Trollope, Stroud, Aizlewood, Proffitt, Moss, Kamara, Guthrie, McHale, Anderson.
 Bradford: Downsbrough; Hardcastle, Spark, Fretwell, Middleton, Podd, Watson, Dolan, Cooke, Wright, Hutchins.

FOURTH DIVISION

BARNLEY (2) 2 (Collier, Joicey)
TORQUAY (0) 0 4,471
 Barnley: Springett; Murphy, Chambers, Pugh, Saunders, McCarthy, Warnock, Price (Joicey), Wigg, Little, Collier.
 Torquay: Lee (T); Twitchin, Parsons, Rudge (Vassallo), Green, Boulton, Tomlin, Lee (C), Lawrence, Brown, McVay.

DARLINGTON (1) 2 (Cochrane, Hague)
NORTHAMPTON (0) 0 1,729
 Darlington: Owers; Nattress, Cochrane, Hague, Craig, Stone, Maitland, Rowles, Seal, Lyons, Wann.
 Northampton: Garnham; Mead, Tucker, Williams (Liddle), Litt, Bryant, Farrington, Reilly, Martin, Best, Christie.

GRIMSBY (2) 3 (Drinkell 2, Leddell)
WIMBLEDON (0) 1 (Summerill) 4,048
 Grimsby: Wainman; Mawer, Moore, Waters, Barker, Partridge, Ford, Liddell, Drinkell, Cumming, Broly.
 Wimbledon: Teale; Tilley, Galvin, Bryant, Edwards, Bassett, Galliers (Connell), Davies, Summerill, Holmes, Aitken.

HUDDERSFIELD (2) 3 (Johnson 2, Butler)
HARTLEPOOL (1) 1 (Ayre) 3,966
 Huddersfield: Taylor; Brown, Sandercock, Armstrong, Baines, Sidebottom, Gray, Hart, Eccles, Johnson, Butler (Sweeney).
 Hartlepool: Richardson; Creamer, Wiggitt, Gibb, Ayre, Simpkin, Linacre (Bielby), Downing, Newton, Poskett, Darling.

NEWPORT (2) 3 (Woods 3)
SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (Farrell) 3,191
 Newport: Plumley; Derrett, Bell, Emanuel, Walker (R), Jones, Preece, Woods, Goddard, Relish, Williams.
 Scunthorpe: Crawford; Czuczman, Peacock, Kavanagh (Farrell), Money, Bridges, Oates, Pilling, Keeley, Lumby, Heron.

ROCHDALE (1) 3 (Owen, Melledew 2)
HALIFAX (1) 1 (Alcock) 1,201
 Rochdale: Shyne; Hallows, Oliver, O'Loughlin, Scott, Bannon, Owen, Seddon, Melledew, Esser, Tarbuck.
 Halifax: Gennoe; Flavell, Bradley, Smith, Alcock, Dunleavy, Carroll, Gregoire, Bullock, Lawson, Trainer.

SWANSEA (1) 1 (Evans)
SOUTHPORT (0) 1 (Kisby) 6,346
 Swansea: Barber; Evans, Bartley, Smith, May, Lally, Chappell, James, Curtis, Charles, Conway.
 Southport: Harrison; Kisby, Snookes, O'Neil, Brooks, Higham, Hilton, Wilson, Ashworth, Fisher, Gay.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 5

CUP-WINNERS' CUP (First Round, second-leg)

MAN. UTD. (1) 2 (Pearson, Coppell)
ST-ETIENNE (0) 0 at Plymouth 31,634
 Man. U: Stepney; Nicholl, Albiston, McIlroy, Greenhoff (B), Buchan, Coppell, Greenhoff (J), Pearson (McGrath), Macari, Hill.
 St-Etienne: Curkovic; Janvion, Farison, Piazza, Lopez, Bathenay, Rocheteau, Santini, Revelli (P), Synaeghel, Sarra magna.

FIRST DIVISION

CHELSEA 0
LEICESTER 0 19,575
 Chelsea: Phillips; Harris, Wilkins (G), Britton, Droy, Wicks, Swain, Wilkins (R), Langley, Lewington, Stanley.
 Leicester: Wallington; Whitworth, Rofe (May), Kember, Webb, Williams, Robertson, Samuels, Waddle, Alderson, Armstrong.

LEEDS (0) 1 (McQueen)
ASTON VILLA (1) 1 (Gray) 27,797
 Leeds: Stewart; Cherry, Gray (F), Lorimer, McQueen, Madeley, Gray (E), Hankin, Jordan, Currie, Graham.

Villa: Rimmer; Gidman, Smith, Phillips, McNaught, Mortimer, Deehan, Cowans, Gray, Cropley, Carrodus.

NORWICH (1) 2 (Peters, Reeves)
NEWCASTLE (1) 1 (Craig, T) 16,630
 Norwich: Keelan; Bond, Sullivan, Ryan, Jones, Powell, Neighbour, Reeves, Gibbins, Suggett, Peters.
 Newcastle: Mahoney; Blackhall, Kennedy, McLean, McCaffrey, Nattrass, Barrowclough, Callaghan (Oates), Burns, Gowling, Craig (T).

THIRD DIVISION

CHESTERFIELD 0
COLCHESTER 0 4,575
 Chesterfield: Ogroovic; Tarrt, Burton, Kowalski, Cottam, O'Neill, Cammack, Fern, Green, Parker (Dearden), Heppolette.
 Colchester: Walker; Cook, Wignall, Dyer, Packer, Dowman, Garwood, Gough, Froggatt, Bunkell, Allinson.

HEREFORD (0) 1 (Ritchie)
BURY (0) 0 4,902
 Hereford: Mellor; Emery, Ritchie, Layton, Marshall, Briley, Spiring, Crompton, Sinclair, Davey, Fear.
 Bury: Forrest; Keenan, Kennedy, Thomson (Suddick), Tucker, Hatton, Woolfall, Stanton, Rowland, Entwistle, Robins.

FOURTH DIVISION

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0
DONCASTER (1) 1 (O'Callaghan) 2,632
 Bournemouth: Baker; Butler, Cunningham (Howarth), Phillipson-Masters, Impey, Barton, Johnson, Showers, Shanahan, Lennard, Cave.
 Doncaster: Peacock; Wignall, Reed, Robinson, Owen, Taylor, Miller, Laidlaw, O'Callaghan, Habbin, Bentley.

CREWE (1) 1 (Purdie)
YORK (0) 0 2,380
 Crewe: Crudginton; Collier, Cheetham, Rimmer, Bowles, Bevan, Davies (D), McGinley, Purdie (Spence), Coyne, Tully.
 York: Brown; Scott, Hutt, Woodward (Hoy), Topping, James, Pollard, Holmes, Hunter, Taylor, Staniforth.

READING (0) 1 (Williams)
ALDERSHOT (0) 0 6,011
 Reading: Death; Peters, Lewis, Bowman, Hetzke, Moreline (Cumming), Earles, Nelson, Williams, Sanchez, Davies.
 Aldershot: Johnson; Wooler, Butler, Dixon, Youlden, Jopling (Hooper), Crosby, Brodie, Needham, Dungworth, Cotton.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP (Third Round)

ABROATH (0) 0
DUNDEE UTD (1) 4 (Kirkwood 3, Holt) 3,482
 Dundee U: McAlpine; Rolland, Kopel, Fleming, Hegarty, Narey, Sturrock (Smith), Wallace, Kirkwood, Addison (Holt), Payne.

AYR (1) 2 (Masterton, Crammond)
FORFAR (1) 1 (Rae) 2,058
 Ayr: Sproat; Murphy, Kelly, Filippi, Fleming, McAnespie, Cramond, McCall, Masterton, McCulloch, Christie.

DUNDEE 0
Q o STH 0 4,647
 Dundee: Gallacher; Hall, Abel, Fallon, McCormack, Hay, Ronald, McColl, Larnach, McNaughton, Colgan.

HAMILTON (0) 0
ST MIRREN (0) 2 (Beckett, Stark pen) 6,000
 St Mirren: Hunter; Beckett, Young, Richardson, Reid, Copland, Sharp, Stark, McGarvey, Abercrombie, Hyslop.

HEARTS (0) 3 (Bannon 2, Busby)
MORTON (0) 0 5,000

RANGERS (4) 6 (Smith 3, Johnstone, Miller pen., MacDonald) 20,000
ABERDEEN (0) 1 (Davidson)
 Rangers: Kennedy; Jardine, Miller, Forsyth, Jackson, MacDonald, McLean, Russell, Johnstone, Smith, Cooper.
 Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, McLelland, Robb, Garner, Miller, Jarvie, Davidson, Harper, Fleming (Sullivan), McMaster.

STIRLING (0) 1 (Clark) 8,600
CELTIC (0) 2 (Doyle, Aitken)
 Celtic: Latchford; Kay, Casey, Aitken, McDonald, Burns, Doyle, Edwards, Glavin, Craig (Dowie), Lennox (McCluskey).



Middlesbrough's second and winning goal was netted by Bill Ashcroft v. Man. Utd.

FRIDAY, OCT. 7

FOURTH DIVISION

SOUTHPORT 0
SOUTHEND 0 2,178
 Southport: Harrison; Kisby, Snookes, Higham, Brooks, Fisher, Hilton, Wilson, Ashworth, Gay, Jones.
 Southend: Freeman; Moody, Banks, Laverick, Young, Clark, Morris, Goodwin, Parker, Hadley, Foggan.

STOCKPORT (1) 2 (Prudham, Thompson)
ROCHDALE (0) 0 5,027
 Stockport: Rogan; Lawler, Rutter, Thompson, Loadwick, Fogarty, Summerbee, Halford, Park, Prudham, McBeth.
 Rochdale: Shyne; Hallows, O'Loughlin, Scaife, Scott, Bannon (Oliver), Owen, Seddon, Melledew, Esser, Tarbuck.

YORK (1) 1 (Pollard)
DARLINGTON (2) 2 (Rowles, Seal) 2,383
 York: Brown; Scott, Hutt, Young, Topping, James, Pollard, Holmes, Hunter, Taylor (Hoy), Staniforth.
 Darlington: Owers; Nattress, Crosson, Hague, Craig, Stone, Maitland, Rowles, Seal, Lyons, Wann.

SATURDAY, OCT. 8

FIRST DIVISION

BIRMINGHAM (1) 1 (Francis pen.)
COVENTRY (0) 1 (Ferguson) 27,414
 Birmingham: Montgomery; Calderwood, Pendrey, Page (Jones), Howard, Want, Connolly, Francis, Bertschin, Hibbitt, Emmanuel.
 Coventry: Sealey; Oakey, McDonald, Yorath, Holton, Coop, Beck, Wallace, Ferguson, Powell, Hutchison.

BRISTOL C (1) 3 (Ritchie, Mabbutt, Hunter)
LEEDS (1) 2 (Hankin 2) 26,215
 Bristol C: Shaw; Gillies, Sweeney, Mann, Collier, Hunter, Tainton, Ritchie, Mabbutt, Cormack, Whitehead.
 Leeds: Stewart; Cherry, Gray (F), Lorimer, McQueen, Madeley, Gray (E), Hankin, Jordan, Currie, Graham.

LEICESTER (0) 0
ASTON VILLA (0) 2 (Cowans, Gray) 20,276
 Leicester: Wallington; Whitworth, Rofe, Kember, Williams, Webb, Robertson (Earle), Samuels, Waddle, Alderson, Armstrong.
 Villa: Rimmer; Gidman, Smith, Phillips, McNaught, Mortimer, Deehan, Cowans, Gray, Cropley, Carrodus.

LIVERPOOL (1) 2 (Dalglish, Fairclough)
CHELSEA (0) 0 40,499
 Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Jones, Hansen, Kennedy, Hughes, Dalglish, Case, Fairclough, McDermott, Callaghan.
 Chelsea: Phillips; Harris, Wilkins (G), Britton, Droy, Wicks, Garner, Wilkins (R), Langley, Swain, Stanley (Sparrow).

MAN. CITY (1) 2 (Barnes, Tueart pen.)
ARSENAL (1) 1 (Macdonald) 43,177
 Man. C: Corrigan; Clements, Donachie, Owen, Watson, Booth, Barnes, Power, Kidd, Hartford, Tueart.

Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price, O'Leary, Simpson, Brady, Matthews, Macdonald, Stapleton, Rix.

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 2 (Mills, Ashcroft)
MAN. UTD (1) 1 (Coppell) 27,052
 Middlesbrough: Platt; Craggs, Cooper, Souness, Boam, Ramage, Mahoney, Mills, Ashcroft, McAndrew, Armstrong.
 Man. U: Stepney; Nicholl, Albiston, McCreery, Greenhoff (B), Buchan, McGrath, Greenhoff (J), Coppell, Macari, Hill.

NEWCASTLE (0) 1 (Burns)
DERBY (0) 2 (Hughes, McFarland) 25,702
 Newcastle: Mahoney; Nattrass, Blackhall, McLean, McCaffrey, Blackley, Barrowclough, Oates, Burns, Gowling (Kelly), Craig (T).
 Derby: Middleton; Langan, Nish (O'Riordan), Daly, McFarland, Daniel, Powell, Hector, Hughes, George, Ryan.

NORWICH (1) 2 (Peters 2)
WOLVES (0) 1 (Sunderland) 18,474
 Norwich: Keelan; Bond, Sullivan, Ryan, Jones, Powell, Neighbour, Reeves, Gibbins, Suggett (Nightingale), Peters.
 Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Daly (Kindon), Daley, Brazier, Parkin, Hibbitt, Carr, Richards, Patching, Sunderland.

Q.P.R. (1) 1 (Eastoe)
EVERTON (2) 5 (Latchford 4, McKenzie) 20,495
 Q.P.R.: Parkes; Clement, Shanks, Leach (Holins), Needham, Abbott, Eastoe, Busby, Masson, Bowles, Givens.
 Everton: Wood; Jones, Pejic, Lyons, Higgins, Pearson, King, Dobson, Latchford, McKenzie, Thomas.

W.B.A. (0) 1 (Robson)
IPSWICH (0) 0 22,918
 W.B.A.: Godden; Mulligan, Statham, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Cantello, Cunningham, Regis, Robson, Johnston.
 Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Tibbott, Talbot, Hunter, Beattie, Mills, Gates, Mariner (Geddis), Whymark, Woods.

WEST HAM 0
NOTTM FOREST 0 26,128
 West Ham: Day; Lampard, Brush, Curbishley, Taylor (T), McGiven, Devonshire, Robson B., Radford, Brooking, Pike.
 Nottm F: Shilton; Anderson, Barrett, McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, O'Neill, Bowyer (Gemmill), Withe, Woodcock, Robertson.

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKBURN (2) 2 (Hird, Parkes)
CHARLTON (1) 1 (Warman) 6,888
 Blackburn: Butcher; Hird, Bailey, Metcalfe, Keeley, Fazackerley, Brotherston (Waddington), Taylor, Round, Parks, Wagstaffe.
 Charlton: Wood; Penfold, Warman, Tyde-man, Giles, Berry, Gritt, Abrahams (Powell), Flanagan, Peacock, McAuley.

BRIGHTON (1) 1 (Mellor)
BOLTON (1) 2 (Reid, Greaves pen.) 27,340
 Brighton: Steele; Tiler, Cattlin, Horton, Rollings (Fell), Lawrenson, Potts, Ward, Mellor, Piper, O'Sullivan.
 Bolton: McDonagh; Nicholson, Dunne, Greaves, Walsh, Allardyce, Morgan, Whatmore, Train, Reid, Worthington.

BURNLEY (1) 3 (Smith, Cochrane, Robinson)
BRISTOL R (0) 1 (Staniforth) 7,207
 Burnley: Stevenson; Newton, Brennan, Noble, Robinson, Thomson, Cochrane, Smith, Fletcher, Flynn, Morley.
 Bristol R: Jones; Bater, Taylor (T), Day, Pulis, Prince, Stephens, Williams, Powell, Barry, Staniforth.

CARDIFF (1) 1 (Dwyer) 8,726

LUTON (1) 4 (Byrne o.g., Fuccillo, Futcher (R), Hill)
 Cardiff: Irwin; Dwyer, Attley, Campbell, Went, Pontin, Byrne, Buchanan, Evans, Robson, Sayer.
 Luton: Aleksic; Price, Buckley, West, Faulkner, Futcher (P), Heale, Hill, Futcher (R), Fuccillo, Boersma.

FULHAM (0) 1 (Mahoney)
BLACKPOOL (1) 1 (Ronson) 9,190
 Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Margerison, Lacy, Howe, Best, Mitchell, Maybank, Evanson, Bullivant (Mahoney).
 Blackpool: Ward; Milligan, Harrison, Ronson, McEwan, Suddaby, Ainscow, Weston, Walsh, Hatton, Hart.

CONTINUED NEXT WEEK

IT'S NOT very often I wear the number 12 jersey, thank goodness, but there was an occasion a few weeks ago when I had no option.

I'd had some trouble with my back and had even been in hospital for a short while. I thought I had NO chance of playing against Birmingham City in the local derby, especially as I didn't leave hospital until the Thursday.

I did some light training on the Friday morning, which went well. Ron Saunders decided to make me substitute with the possibility of going on for the last 20 minutes or so if things weren't going well.

As it happened, Brian Little was injured after about a quarter of an hour, so there was no alternative than for me to have almost a complete match.

We lost 1-0 and I felt absolutely shattered at the end. James O'Leary, a SHOOT reader from Walsall, wants to know the previous time I wore the number 12 jersey.

It must have been four years or so ago, soon after I broke through into the Dundee United first team.

After a dozen or so games, manager Jim McLean decided to make

players felt after their 9-0 defeat at Tottenham.

To be honest, I didn't think it possible for a team to win — or lose — by such a margin at that level. I saw the game on Match of the Day and strange as it may sound, had it not been for Rovers' goalkeeper Glyn Jones Spurs would have reached double figures.

I think if I had been a Rovers' player I'd have gone into hiding for a week!

The most important factor after such a defeat is to get another game under your belt to make amends.

I can't remember being on the wrong side of a drubbing, although Manchester City beat us 4-1 at Villa Park earlier in the season.

That was mid-week and we had

just a few days to wait before playing again. Poor old Rovers had to wait a week! Then they drew 0-0 at home with Southampton.

Still on that subject of goals, John King of Reading wants me to tell him what players usually say to each other after a goal.

If Villa have scored, we go over and congratulate the players involved. Sometimes we get a bit carried away, but it's just a matter of saying "well done".

It's rather different when we've conceded a goal. My initial reaction is to gee up the lads and concentrate on pulling the goal back.

You never need to tell a player when he's made a mistake that's led to the goal. A defender who's given

'MY BEST YOUNG STRIKER'

**ANDY
GRAY**
writes for you

me the sub. for our game in Aberdeen. All I can remember is coming on early in the second-half when we were 1-0 down — and scoring straight away!

"Who is the best young striker you've seen this season?" asks David Isaacs from Salford.

I'd give my vote to Coventry City's Ian Wallace, who is 21 and playing his first full season in the English League after being transferred from Dumbarton.

I probably notice strikers more than other players, but Ian has certainly taken my eye. He combines superbly with the much-improved Mick Ferguson.

Fergie is the big man and Ian "feeds" off of Mick's knock-downs and flick-ons. If Ian keeps up his form, he must come into Scotland's World Cup reckoning.

Ipswich Town caused a stir when they opened their artificial turf training pitch at Portman Road, a few weeks ago.

Valerie Potts, who lives in Erdington, wants to know if I've ever played on this surface.

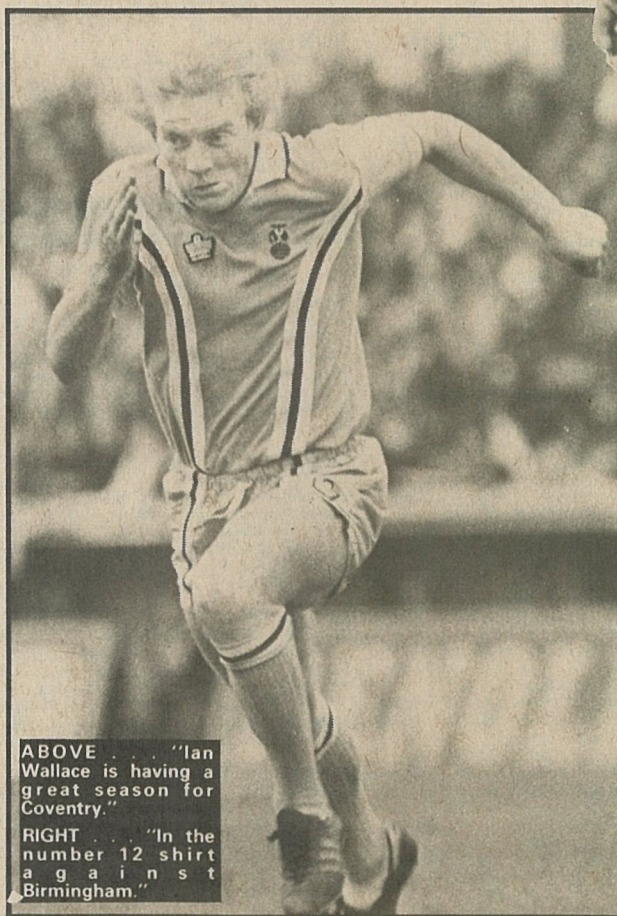
No, I haven't. I've walked on it, though — Athletic Bilbao have an artificial pitch at their training ground which we visited on our pre-season tour of Spain.

I must confess it didn't appeal to me very much. A slide tackle could rob you of half your skin!

The "grass" burns and felt strange to even walk on. Having said that, I applaud Ipswich for installing one for training purposes.

This means you can train whatever the weather on a true surface, although I doubt if we'll ever see artificial turf at our League grounds.

Here's a novel query from Christopher Walters of Cardiff — he asks how I thought the Bristol Rovers



ABOVE ... "Ian Wallace is having a great season for Coventry."
RIGHT ... "In the number 12 shirt a gain st Birmingham."



the ball away in such circumstances wants the ground to open up and swallow him. But such mistakes happen to just about everyone and having a go at the poor chap won't help matters.

"Do you have a bogey ground, Andy?" asks Mike McDonnell from Stoke-on-Trent.

Yes, Filbert Street, Leicester. For some reason I've never played well there. This season I scored a great goal... great inasmuch as it was a true "team" goal with many players involved. Yet apart from that I did nothing.

I can't put my finger on why I don't do better there. It's one of those strange soccer facts of life that can't be explained.

My last letter this week ties in with our game down at Chelsea next Saturday (November 19th). In fact, it comes from a London reader, Graham Packer.

Rivalries

"People talk about North versus South and other regional rivalries. Is there any difference between football up and down the country?"

No, none at all. I've heard about so-called Southern Softies and that's certainly not true.

I think the Press make more of such rivalry to build up extra interest in matches.

If there is a difference it's in supporters. I'd say soccer followers in the South aren't as fanatical as

the fans in the Midlands or the North of England.

No team in London can boast the sort of fanatical support Manchester United, Liverpool or Villa, for example, can command. This may be because there are so many clubs in London, but as regards football — no, that's the same all over the country.

This Saturday (November 12th) we meet Middlesbrough at Villa Park. Touch wood, we seem to be over our poor start to the season and have slipped nicely into gear.

I'm not too bothered that we're just behind the leading pack. I'm happy just to be in the reckoning after some bad results.

Still, if you're going to have a run of defeats, better it be early in the season because then there's time to make amends.

See you again in two weeks,

Andy Gould



"Spurs' hat-trick men against Bristol Rovers — Ian Moore and Colin Lee."

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This week's Star Letter comes from Jos Bree of Helmond in Holland, who wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

WHY ENGLAND ARE POOR

AS a 24-year-old Dutchman, I'm very disappointed with the performances of the England team. You may be interested to hear what I have to say...

Let me first state that I always read SHOOT, Kicker (W. Germany), our own Voetbal International, Sport 70 (Belgium) and France Football. I see games in Holland, Belgium and Germany and tune in to BBC Radio 2 every Saturday afternoon. So I like to think I have a fair knowledge of football.

For me, English soccer went wrong after they won the World Cup in 1966. The public and Press alike thought England were the best (especially in terms of skilful football). This was not the case!

England won because they played all their games at Wembley, and the high-ball, non-stop running style came good.

But England can only be successful like that at home. Everyone in England thought their side was the tops and no changes were necessary.

Then, England defended their crown in Mexico and found they couldn't play their usual game — and lost!

Sir Alf Ramsey didn't like wingers, but fortunately for domestic soccer, managers like Docherty, Robson, Saunders and Lyall were brave enough to take risks with their teams.

One manager who didn't risk anything was Don Revie. His players were all runners but lacked one important quality: skill.

The only way England will become a world force again is to give the more skilful players an opportunity.

● I agree that English soccer folk were brainwashed into thinking their team was the greatest. Soccer goes in cycles and only West Germany have been at the top over any long period of time. Right now, Scotland are the best team in Britain and Holland, arguably, the best in Europe. Yet ten years ago these countries were "minnows" of the international scene. England have no right to qualify for anything, although they're expected to. What England need is a manager who can get the best out of his players, as Ramsey did. England may not have a Cruyff or a Beckenbauer, but there are enough good, traditional qualities in their game to be able to field a top-class national team.

Same Day

MY mum was born on the same day as Johan Cruyff, my dad the same day as Eusebio, my sister the same day as French star Jean-Michel Larque and my brother the same day as Leeds and Scotland goalie David Stewart.

Can any other family beat this?

PETER MARAZZI,
KNODISHALL.

● One of the lads on SHOOT was born on the same day as Pele, but having seen him play football, there any similarity ends!

Unruffled

I HAVE noticed in your Focus column that most players list their favourite actor as Clint Eastwood.

This may be because they want to follow Clint's cool, unruffled attitude in tight spots and want to be looked upon as tough, not being messed around on the pitch.

LYN COXON,
SINGLETON.

● I've never looked at it like that. Mind you, after seeing some hard-men defenders lately, their favourite actor would probably be the Jaws character out of James Bond's "The Spy Who Loved Me"!

Rubbish?

IN your August 27th issue Peter Jackson of Sydney commented that teams touring Australia seemed to face relegation when they go home.

"A load of rubbish," I thought, when he pointed out Celtic could have similar problems.

Celtic relegated? No chance! But true to form the Celts have been unbelievably in the relegation zone.

I think Australian fans will be disappointed next year as no British teams will want to expose themselves to the jinx!

PETE LEACH,
BEDFORD.

● Many a true word is spoken in jest... but the Celts will surely climb back to near the top of the Premier Division, although they seem to have lost their hopes of the title.

Pen-Pal

I'm a 16-year-old New Zealander and a Q.P.R. supporter. I'd like to write to soccer followers in Britain and around the world.

JOHN BARRETT,
101 OHARIU ROAD,
JOHNSONVILLE,
WELLINGTON 4,
NEW ZEALAND.

'THE FLYING SCOTSMAN'

JIMMY Robertson, the 30-year-old Tartan winger, is a footballer with ambition. That in itself is a good enough reason as to why he signed for Walsall at the beginning of this season. It meant he would be linking up with his former Spurs team-mate, Dave Mackay.

Says Jimmy: "I'm obviously very pleased to join up with Dave again because I know he's ambitious and he couldn't be content with just jogging along, keeping the club ticking over."

"He took over at Walsall because he wants them to win promotion and that's exactly the sort of situation I wanted to go in to."

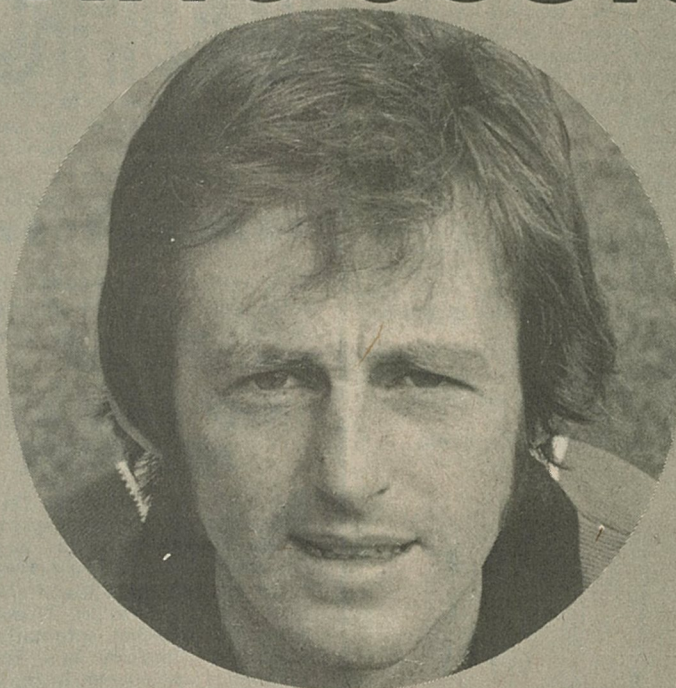
"If it hadn't been Dave, then I probably wouldn't have come to Fellows Park. I think I would have gone somewhere else."

"Mackay is the same sort of manager as he was player. He's a realist. He demands people always play to the best of their abilities."

"After playing with a string of top clubs I was pleasantly surprised with The Saddlers set-up. It's a tightly knit small organisation that's efficient and extremely well run."

When Jimmy spoke to SHOOT! Walsall had played 13 away matches without defeat, but had already lost two home games this term.

Why? "This is a difficult one for me to answer," he said. "I've only



doesn't aim to stay Third Class

played a few times for the club and most of those have been away. I can only assume there's something wrong at home. I don't know what it is; perhaps it's to do with the attitude of the players."

"When we do play away we're determined to get a result. We attack and this has paid off."

"I haven't really formed an impression of the crowd at Walsall. In the home games I've played in the fans were obviously expecting things from me and were very appreciative of everything I did."

"It sounds good when people call me the 'Flying Scotsman', but I think it's too glib. I've always had pace, yet I feel I'm talented in other directions as well. I think I'm shrewd and hard working. To be honest, there's no way I could have possibly played for so long without being a good player."

How does Jimmy rate the rest of the Walsall team? "To me Alan Buckley is a very good player in any company. Micky Bates also has class. We've got Roger Hynd — he's been a stalwart for a couple of years now and he's done an awful lot for the club."

"With the team that is here and the abilities the players have and from what I've seen, if we are out of the top three, then there's something wrong with us. Let's put it this way. I'll be very surprised if Walsall don't get promotion from the Third Division."

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MARTYN'S MAGIC MOVE...

back to his old club Q.P.R.

FOR MARTYN BUSBY his future and the future of a new-style Queens park Rangers battlefront count more than anything else in a football sense. But that won't stop more than just a few of their loyal fans remembering how it all started for him five years ago.

True, you can't spend a lot of time living in dreamland. England bosses, to say nothing of English fans, know that only too well.

But Busby and Q.P.R. have every right to look back on 1972 and a midfield trio that most reckoned to be one of the best, if not in the gold medal class, in the Football League.

Remember those names? Of course you can. Terry Venables, Gerry Francis and Martyn Busby.

It was every manager's dream. Venables, the old stager in terms of age and experience, was called the brains . . . Busby and Francis the legs.

Directed

True, they did the running while Venables directed the operation from the centre of the park. And whisper it quietly to Francis, there are those who still describe Busby as the better of the two "runners".

As Martyn Busby remembers so well: "Gerry and I were learning a lot from Terry Venables. What a trio we were becoming. Then came that bad complicated fracture of my right leg in a game at Fulham.

"You know it can take a long time to recover completely when you have had a bad break. It took me around three years to come right back. It wasn't so much there were complications in the leg following the break. Physically, I was OK. But let's be honest, mentally I was afraid it could happen again.

"There were feelings I could only do so much, that I wasn't going to improve and get back into the first team on a regular basis. True, the club helped me all they could. They sent me down to Portsmouth for a while to pull something out.

"I went there on a loan for one month — as a centre-forward. It didn't come off, but I moved back to midfield for the last games against Notts County and Fulham. I enjoyed that, but then Ian St. John, the Portsmouth manager, let me go and Notts County came in for me.

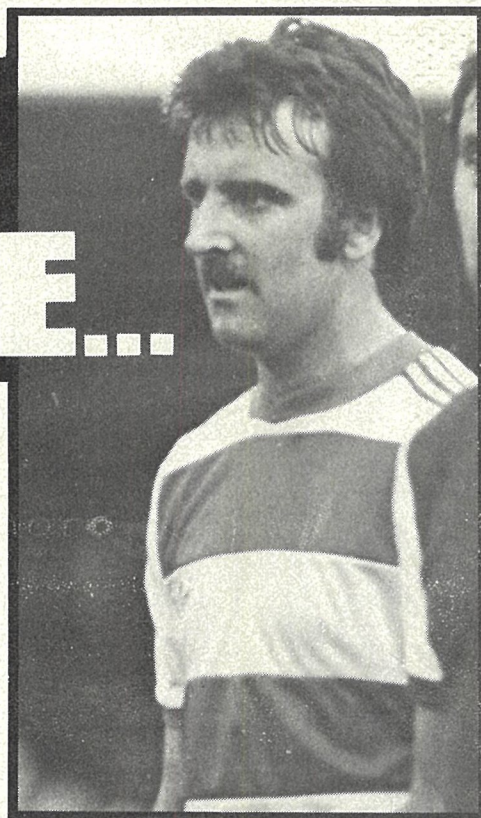
"That was the best thing that could happen to me. I landed a regular first team place with them

and that does a lot for a player's confidence. We even just missed out chasing the title for promotion.

"I know in my last few weeks with Notts County I was disciplined for staying out later than I should have done on a Thursday evening, but it all happened right for me when Q.P.R. wanted to buy me back.

"It was a magic move for me to return to my old club. After all I started with them as a 15-year-old apprentice, I had played in the side trying to climb into the First Divi-

Terry Venables (below, with Gerry Francis) during his days as Q.P.R.'s skipper. Martyn Busby (right) played alongside these two in the midfield.



sion and then they asked me to re-join them — in the First.

"They put me straight into the senior team at Bristol City and although we dropped a point I felt great. I'd only just got myself a house in the Nottingham area and in many ways I was sorry to leave some grand people. But business comes first and the wife and I were pleased to be back home.

"I know a lot of people in the London area, and apart from one or two new faces, I knew the players on the Q.P.R. staff when I arrived back.

'Down to me'

"Don't get me wrong. I'm not talking as though I am a star with anything guaranteed. I know it is down to me. I have a lot of time for the boss, Frank Sibley, and despite some of the results I'm not kidding when I say he is doing a good job and the players are playing well.

"Frank will give me a fair crack, but it is up to me to make sure of a regular place in the first team.

"The coaching has changed. We have a different staff with new ideas."

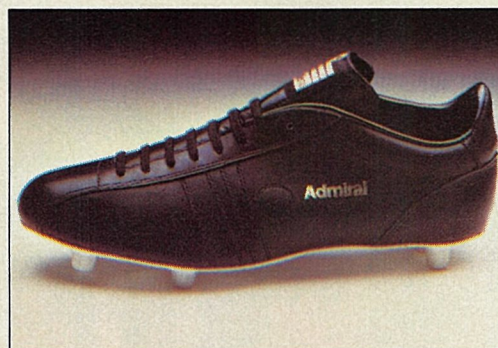
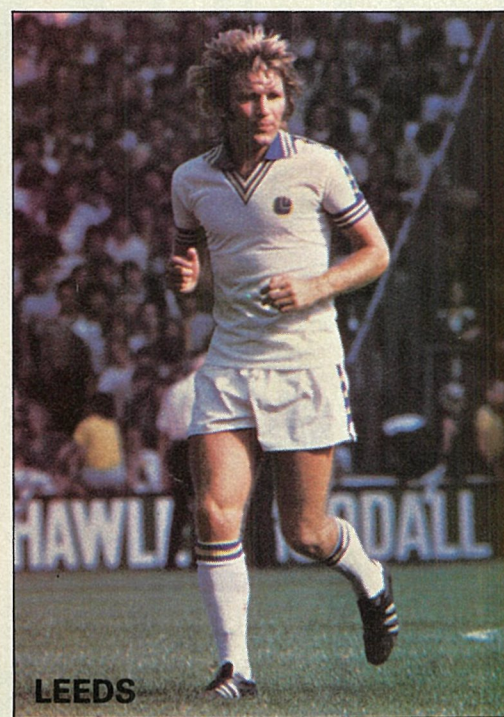
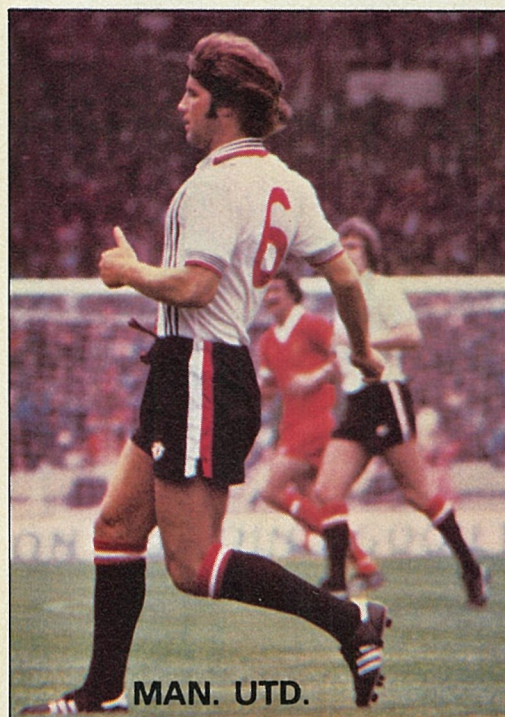
The Busby deal was certainly costly for Rangers. They'd groomed him as a youngster and received £40,000 from Notts County. Yet it cost them double that to bring him back to Loftus Road . . . inflation indeed.

Busby has got the right ideas for his own future, but he is convinced fans should not believe bad results during the first part of the season indicate a fall from grace.

Q.P.R. may have been under fire for sliding downhill, and Sibley may be regarded by some as too young a boss to sort it all out. But Busby believes it will all be on the right track before April comes around.

And he should know better than the shouting fan on the terracing who understands only goals and points accepted.

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HEIGHT: 5ft 11ins
WEIGHT: 11st 12lb
PREVIOUS CLUB: Arezzo
MARRIED: Yes
CHILDREN: A son
CAR: BMW 528
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Johan Cruyff
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Borussia
 Mönchengladbach
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Roy
 McFarland
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:
 Torino-Juventus (0-0) 73-74 season
BIGGEST THRILL: Scoring
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being
 knocked out by Borussia in the European
 Champions' Cup, 1976/77
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: U.S.A.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Spaghetti
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Fishing
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Travelling
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Sport
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Luciano Battisti,
 Mina
FAVOURITE ACTOR: Paul Newman
BEST FRIEND: Myself
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:
 Determination
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: To be away
 from my family
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Almost 20
 caps for Italy
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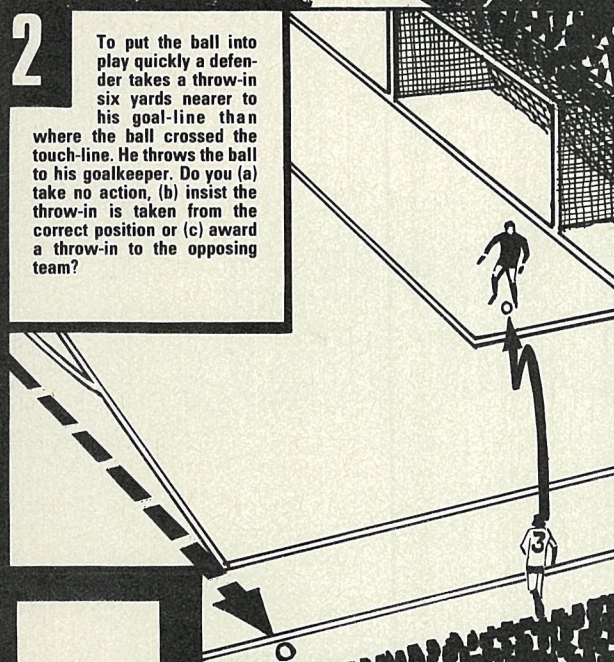
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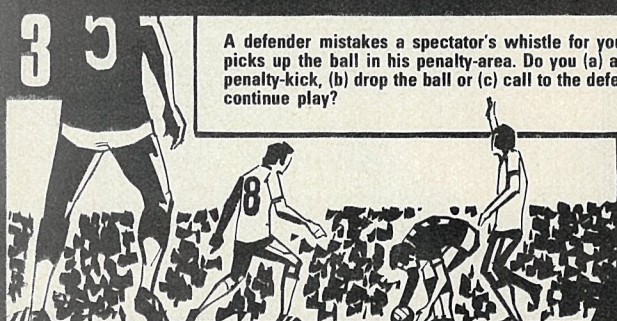
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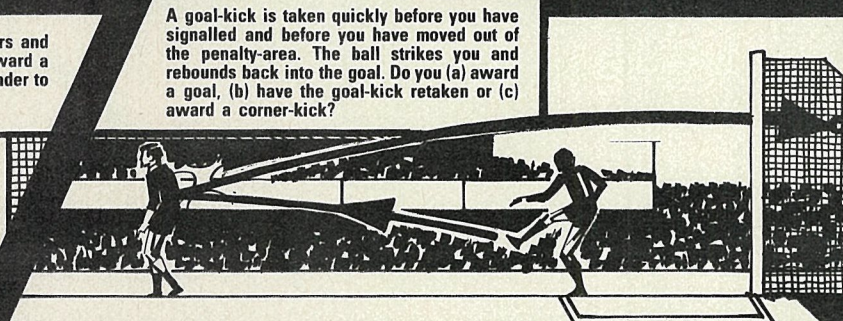
1 After several requests to a player, who you are cautioning, he refuses to give his name. Do you (a) note his number, (b) approach his captain for assistance or (c) dismiss him?



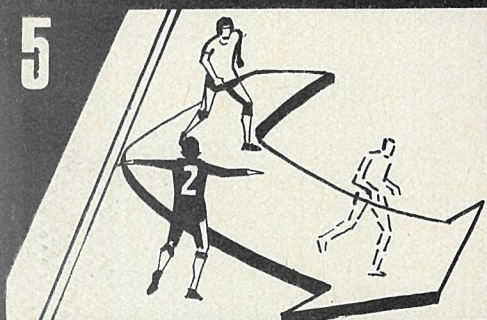
2 To put the ball into play quickly a defender takes a throw-in six yards nearer to his goal-line than where the ball crossed the touch-line. He throws the ball to his goalkeeper. Do you (a) take no action, (b) insist the throw-in is taken from the correct position or (c) award a throw-in to the opposing team?



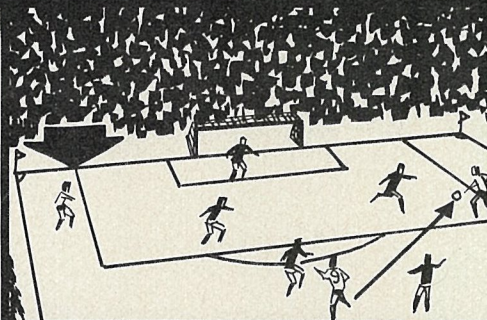
3 A defender mistakes a spectator's whistle for yours and picks up the ball in his penalty-area. Do you (a) award a penalty-kick, (b) drop the ball or (c) call to the defender to continue play?



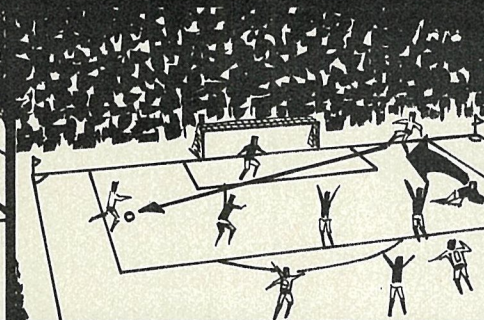
4 A goal-kick is taken quickly before you have signalled and before you have moved out of the penalty-area. The ball strikes you and rebounds back into the goal. Do you (a) award a goal, (b) have the goal-kick retaken or (c) award a corner-kick?



5 A: A defender extends his arms to obstruct an opponent, forcing him to change direction, but does not make contact.



B: The ball is then passed to a team-mate who is onside near to the right touchline while another team-mate is standing offside near to the left touch-line.



C: The attacker near to the left touch-line is behind the ball when it is kicked to him from the right.
(Where is the problem?)

ANSWERS:

Although body contact is not made the defender should be cautioned him. A player cannot be offside if he is behind the ball when it is passed to the touch-line is not interfering with play and is not penalised. In C the attacker near to the left touch-line is behind the ball when it is passed to him.

1. The player must be dismissed (c) for persisting in misconduct after committing a cautionable offence. 2. Insist the throw-in is taken from the correct position (b). 3. A penalty-kick (a) must be awarded. 4. The goal-kick must be retaken (b) because the ball had not entered play. 5. The problem is in A.

GOALKEEPERS WITH DIFFERENT AIMS



PETER LATCHFORD~ anxious to be a hero for Celtic

THE Rangers' fans were already cheering a goal when Davie Cooper connected with his lethal left foot and sent a raging shot towards the back of the Celtic net.

It looked a sizzling goal all the way until Peter Latchford took off on an amazing, twisting somersault to spread himself acrobatically across his line to get both hands to the ball and hold it firmly.

Even the Rangers' fans had to applaud Latchford as Cooper held his head in dismay. Latchford, though, is still something of a mystery to the Celtic supporters. One minute he is the hero, the next he is the villain.

In that game against Rangers at Ibrox in the Premier Division this season Latchford was immaculate until eight minutes from time... and then he blundered badly to present the winning goal to Gordon Smith.

Young Bobby Russell sent over a harmless-looking cross from the right-wing and it didn't appear to present any danger to the confident Latchford, brother of Everton's Bob and Birmingham's Dave.

However, sadly for Latchford, his team-mates and the Celtic fans, he made a mess of his catch, allowed the ball to drift behind him and Smith, coming in on the blind side, couldn't miss from only one yard out.

A week later Latchford was having a superb match against Aberdeen at Pittodrie with Celtic battling for their first League win of the season. They were drawing 1-1 when disaster hit Latchford again.

Andy Lynch allowed Joe Harper to cross the ball from the right-wing and Latchford strayed from his line in an effort to cut it out. It never at any time looked like being

his ball and Ian Fleming was there to head his second and Aberdeen's winning goal into an unprotected net.

Latchford, though, is still high on the popularity lists with the Parkhead fans. He says: "I really do appreciate their encouragement. They are certainly a great crowd."

"I always try to give them a wave before the game when they chant my name. It's nice to feel at home at Parkhead. It's also good to hear them chanting: 'Latchford for England' from time to time. I know I've let them down from time to time, but I'm determined to establish myself as one of the best Celtic 'keepers of all time."

"They are a great bunch of lads at Parkhead, but we haven't been too lucky this season as far as injuries are concerned. In our opening League game against Dundee United we lost Alfie Conn and Pat Stanton with serious injuries."

"Then Andy Lynch took a knock and was out for a spell. Roy Aitken and Tommy Burns, two of our bright youngsters, were also ruled out of some games because of injuries and this prevented the team from settling down."

"I'm not using these injuries as excuses, but you must admit we seem to have been hit harder than most."

Celtic have stuttered this season without the guidance of Kenny Dalglish. Once new boys Tom McAdam, who cost £60,000 from Dundee United, and John Dowie, a £25,000 buy from Fulham, settle in they should make some progress.

And Peter Latchford will be hoping he is on his way to at least emulating last season when he won a League and Cup medal.

ALAN ROUGH~ desperate to leave Partick Thistle

SCOTTISH international goalkeeper Alan Rough is well known for his alertness and speed of thought. He is not often caught in two minds as he dives in among flying boots, but he is at a loss to explain the answer to one simple question.

It is: Why is he still with Partick Thistle? Since joining the international squad three years ago he has seen the likes of Bruce Rioch, Archie Gemmill, Kenny Dalglish, Arthur Graham and, more recently, John Blackley all being transferred to new clubs.

He knows that being the 'keeper for his country puts him in the spotlight, but he also knows the great disappointment of being linked with a club... and then nothing happening when everything looks set.

"I don't know how many clubs are supposed to have had a look at me," says Alan. "It gets frustrating at times, but there is very little I can do except keep playing away and trying to improve my game."

"Obviously I want to better myself and look to the future. A move could do that for me and I also think full-time training would help me. I'm certain I would improve under those circumstances."

Rough must wonder what he has to do to get that much-wanted transfer. His Partick Thistle manager Bertie Auld has told him he will listen to realistic offers for his number one 'keeper.

The move 26-year-old Rough so desperately seeks could come this season. In the past it has been rumoured he may go to Celtic, but it could be Rangers who will make the move!

Silly goal

Rangers haven't been entirely satisfied with the form of either Peter McCloy or Stewart Kennedy over the past two seasons. McCloy started the term as the first team choice, but conceded a silly equalising goal in a 3-3 draw with St. Mirren at Love Street and manager Jock Wallace brought Kennedy back into his plans.

Kennedy, though, looked badly at fault when Twente Enschede scored their opening goal in the second-leg of their European Cup-Winners' Cup First Round tie in Holland. That goal started Rangers' slide out of Europe for another season.

There seems little doubt Rough would fit in well at Ibrox as Wallace reorganises his side after last season's barren term. Already he has spent £165,000 on bringing Davie Cooper from Clydebank and Gordon Smith from Kilmarnock.

Rangers have reserve talent with which they could bargain if any deal was about to go ahead. A cash-plus-players deal could be the one Bertie Auld would accept.

The man in the middle, Alan Rough, is saying nothing, though. He has heard it all before although he must realise it could be transfer or bust this season.

Rough has already proved what he can do against teams and opponents of the highest calibre. He was brilliant five years ago when Partick sensationally beat Celtic to win the League Cup with a 4-1 victory.

He was superb for Scotland against Czechoslovakia in Prague although he couldn't prevent the European Champions from winning 2-0.



His former Firhill boss Davie McParland, now the assistant-manager at Parkhead, has never hidden his great admiration for Rough, but Celtic are satisfied with the current form of English Under-23 cap Peter Latchford.

So, Rough must continue to play away and hope someone, somewhere will put his money where his mouth is and give him the opportunity to prove his ability on a consistent basis at the highest level.

THIS WILL undoubtedly come as a surprise to Terry Venables, but yours truly will be down at the Palace on Tuesday (Nov. 15) . . .

However, before you think Crystal Palace have been secretly negotiating behind Mr. Venables' back for my transfer from Rangers I had better put the record straight. I won't be at Selhurst Park . . . I'll be at Buckingham Palace.

I was awarded an M.B.E. in the Jubilee Honours' List and I'll be collecting my latest medal from The Queen next week. Am I nervous? You can say that again!

I thought an Old Firm Cup Final

Tartan Talk

JOHN GREIG

got the old adrenalin flowing, but it's nothing to the way I feel at the moment. My wife Janette and son Murray will accompany me on my visit and I just hope everything goes okay.

Some of my mates at Ibrox have been kidding me on about it. They keep telling me it is something like being knighted and The Queen better watch what she is doing with the sword. They tell me if she's not careful I could be returning to Scotland with my head in a parcel!

Now there's a thought that should keep some Celtic fans happy! I'm only joking, of course.



I have never been afraid of responsibility. I believe that is a vital part of football, too. There are players who do not have the talent or the skill of others, but they will do a man's job, they will take responsibility. They are the sort of players I would go for.

There is not a manager on earth who hasn't made a mistake of one kind or another. Some take stick when they allow a player to go on a free transfer and then suddenly that same player, labelled a reject, proves his value with some outstanding displays for another club. It's all too easy to blame the boss in this case.

'Determination'

For a start, the free transfer may have given that player much-needed determination, an aspect that may have been missing from his game. He may want to prove his boss wrong and he will go all-out. If he had put so much effort into his game in the first place then he might never have been freed!

But that is just one example. Managers are too often the scapegoats, but I admire the ones who never lose faith in their own ability. I think it was Jim McLean, of Dundee United, who said: 'There is only one thing certain about being a football Manager . . . one day you are going to get sacked!'

That may be so, but I can't wait to get the opportunity of settling into a

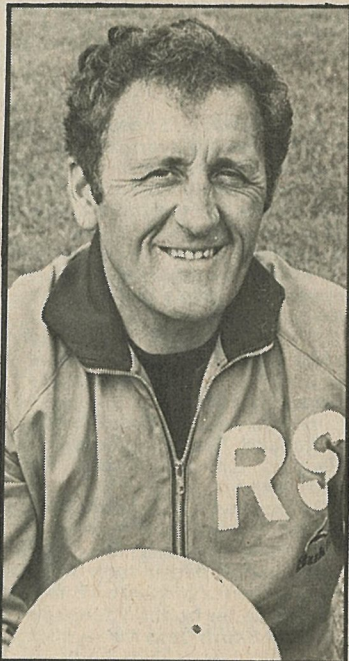
'I'M GOING TO THE PALACE'

I'm thrilled at the presentation and I look upon it not only as an honour for myself, but an award to everyone at Rangers Football Club. Obviously I am delighted to accept it and, like I said earlier, I just hope everything goes okay.

Now, to get back to my favourite topic, football. I don't know Roy Sproson personally, but I must admit I spared him a thought or two when I read a paragraph in a newspaper that he had been sacked as Port Vale manager recently.

What goes on behind the scenes at Port Vale is none of my business. Neither is it my place nor my intention to make any comment about Mr. Sproson's dismissal. But I must say it was a bit sad to read that his long association with the club had ended in that fashion.

I believe he was with Port Vale for over 20 years and that is a large chunk out of anyone's life. He became the tenth boss to be sacked in England in the eight weeks of the season. Shortly after that Wilf McGuinness became No. 11 when



he was sacked by York City.

It's a harsh world in soccer, but there is never a shortage of managers waiting to step in. Some clubs seem to change their bosses with the laundry! Sometimes it's hard to keep up with the amount of changes that come about in the revolving hot seat.

Why, then, do I want to become a manager when I quit playing, which I hope is another 30 odd years from now!? I have always believed that you must stand or fall by your own decisions in this game.

If you make a mistake on the pitch you must expect the crowd to bawl at you. At the same time you want the crowd to be on your side when you do something good. You can't have one without the other . . . and you shouldn't expect it to be any other way.

hot seat when my playing days are over. It's a subject I'll talk more about at a later date when I think about hanging up my boots, but I'll tell you this, I won't make that decision until I am absolutely certain I have nothing to offer on the pitch.

See you all in a fortnight . . .

**TARTAN TALK FROM
CELTIC'S DANNY
McGRAIN NEXT WEEK**

LEFT

Roy Sproson . . . who parted company with Port Vale after many years of loyal service.



There are only six places to be filled in Ally MacLeod's World Cup squad! That is the SHOOT verdict as Scotland prepare for their second Finals in succession.

Manager MacLeod (left), following on the good work done by Willie Ormond, has an almost easy task ahead of him when he comes to select his final 22 for Argentina.

The Scotland team has been a settled one in recent years; indeed there will probably be seven of the squad from 1974 in the Argentina selection.

Add to these "new" certainties such as Don Masson, captain Bruce Rioch and Asa Hartford, to name but three, and you'll see "Muhammad" Ally has — in our opinion — to add just six players to his 16 "musts".

Of course, the established players could be injured or lose form. But they don't seem the sort of players who will suddenly fall below par . . . not with the World Cup Finals just over six months away.

This is one of Scotland's strengths — their settled line-up. While England have been chopping and changing, the Scotland side has virtually picked itself.

The players know each other like club-mates and Scotland's team is a TEAM in the true sense of the word.

As you will see from our list, we consider Alan Rough as good as chosen for one of the three goal-keeping spots.

David Harvey and Dave Stewart — team-rivals at Leeds — are also rivals for Scotland, too.

George Wood, who recently joined Everton from Blackpool, has

versatile Derek Johnstone.

Assuming MacLeod will take nine back-four men, that leaves two places to be filled. Young Alan Hansen of Liverpool has been a revelation this season, while Kenny Burns of Forest — like Johnstone — can also play in attack. They could be Ally's choice.

Midfield is, possibly, Scotland's strongest department and MacLeod will probably take five or six schemers.

Captain Bruce Rioch, presumably, is definitely going — and so will Don Masson, Asa Hartford and Lou Macari.

That's four. Kenny Dalglish will obviously be in the 22, and he can play in the middle or up-front. We'll call Dalglish a midfielder for now, although the way he plays it's almost impossible to put a tag on him.

Archie Gemmill isn't a regular

Scotland manager's 'problem'— TOO MUCH TALENT?



SHOOT'S SCOTLAND CERTS

GOALKEEPER
Alan Rough (Partick)

DEFENDERS
Danny McGrain (Celtic)
Sandy Jardine (Rangers)
Willie Donachie (Man. City)
Gordon McQueen (Leeds)
Martin Buchan (Man. Utd.)
Tom Forsyth (Rangers)
Derek Johnstone (Rangers)

MIDFIELDERS
Don Masson (Derby)
Bruce Rioch (Derby)
Asa Hartford (Man. City)
Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool)
Lou Macari (Man. Utd.)

STRIKERS
Joe Jordan (Leeds)
Willie Johnston (W.B.A.)
Andy Gray (Villa)

ABOVE . . . Scotland before the Wales game at Anfield. The Scots have had a settled line-up in recent years.

RIGHT . . . Forest winger John Robertson is in top form.



SHOOT'S SCOTLAND POSSIBLES

GOALKEEPERS
Bobby Clark (Aberdeen)
George Wood (Everton)
Dave Stewart and David Harvey (Leeds)

DEFENDERS
Kenny Burns (Forest)
Alan Hansen (Liverpool)
John Blackley (Newcastle)
Colin Jackson (Rangers)
Ken McNaught (Villa)
Alistair Robertson (W.B.A.)

MIDFIELD
Tommy Craig (Newcastle)
Archie Gemmill (Forest)
Bobby Russell (Rangers)
Alex Cropley (Villa)
Graeme Souness (Middlesbrough)
David Narey (Dundee Utd.)
Eddie Gray (Leeds)
Joe Smith (Aberdeen)

STRIKERS
Derek Parlane (Rangers)
Joe Harper (Aberdeen)
Davie Cooper (Rangers)
John Robertson (Forest)
Arthur Graham (Leeds)
Ian Wallace (Coventry)
Paul Sturrock (Dundee Utd.)
John Duncan (Spurs)

A talented line-up from which manager Ally MacLeod could pick six to complete his 22-man squad.

won a lot of admirers very quickly. He could be in Argentina next June.

In 1974 Scotland had nine defenders in their squad. Seven, surely, are "certs" for 1978 . . . Danny McGrain, Sandy Jardine, Willie Donachie, Gordon McQueen, Martin Buchan, Tom Forsyth and the

for Nottingham Forest yet, good player though he is. The 30-year-old Gemmill's a fighter, though, and will be doing all he can to clinch a national squad place.

If MacLeod has a problem — and it's hardly going to cause him a sleepless night — it's up-front.

Joe Jordan and Willie Johnston are permanent fixtures these days and now Andy Gray is eligible again, the Villa striker must at least be in the squad.

MacLeod will want cover, though, and the second winger may pose some problems . . . who to choose.

John Robertson's having a superb season with Forest, while Arthur Graham has settled down at Leeds to dazzle a few full-backs.

Davie Cooper of Rangers is one of the most exciting players in Britain.

A nice "problem" for the Scotland manager!

Two tartan Scots who will be in the reckoning are Derek Parlane and Joe Harper, while Ian Wallace of Coventry could be a surprise selection.

Of course, it's early days and in soccer anything can — and often does — happen.

But we believe MacLeod has already picked 75 per cent of his squad. Let's hope injuries don't wreck his plans, because Scotland have the skill to make a lot of people sit up and take notice of them in Argentina.

The Scots have a team as good as many of those going to Argentina, certainly better than most.

It won't be easy in south America for the Europeans, but Scotland march on with confidence.

Promotion or bust for Willie Ormond

HEARTS have ridden the big dipper of success and failure in their 103-year history. They have tantalised and tormented, dazzled and disappointed, impressed and depressed.

They slid agonisingly out of the Premier Division at the end of last season. It was the first time they had ever tasted the bitterness of relegation. It was a sample they didn't enjoy... and they want to make up for it immediately.

Manager Willie Ormond, coaxed away from thoughts of the World Cup as Scotland's team-boss in the close-season, has studied his side and made the necessary changes.

His target is promotion or bust and he is in no mood to accept anything else. He has worked hard in his efforts to get the side back on the right rails. He has bought goalkeeper Ray Dunlop from Stenhousemuir as a replacement for veteran Jim Cruickshank, who was freed at the end of the term.

Ormond, though, was fed up with critics claiming his team had a soft centre. He has brought back-bone to the middle of his defence by buying Dave McNicoll from Montrose recently.

"Hearts are a Premier Division side currently playing in the First," says McNicoll, who was once told to quit playing football after serious injury. Dunfermline allowed him to leave East End Park, but he has since done a wonderful job in Montrose's back-four.

"I played my first game for Hearts at centre-half," says McNicoll. "It was the first time I had played there for quite a while."

"Montrose used me purely as a sweeper beside the centre-half. Of course, I have played in the number five shirt many times. That was my main position while I was with Dunfermline."

"Obviously I don't know where I will settle down in the Tynecastle line-up, that is entirely up to Mr. Ormond. The captain is John Gallacher and I took his centre-half role while he was injured."

"If Mr. Ormond decides to play me beside big John that will suit me fine. I just want to prove myself again and the best place to do that is the Premier."

"That is where I want to be. In fact, that is where everyone connected with Hearts wants to be. It was a shock when they took the

drop last term, but these things happen in soccer.

"Now we must get our game together again and show we deserve to be in there challenging with the big boys in the Top Ten."

McNicoll's determination will be vital in Hearts' bid for a place in the Premier. They have slipped from grace, but they have absolutely no intention of wasting time feeling sad for themselves.

Willie Ormond has told them what he expects. He has outlined his plans to bring glory back to Tynecastle. The players are still angry at last term's failure. That anger could help them climb back into the top Division.

If they fail it won't be through lack of trying...



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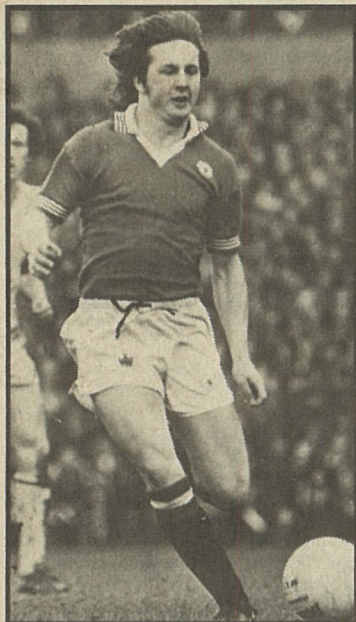
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TWO MANCHESTER STARS COME OUT OF THE SHADOWS



UNITED'S DAVID McCREERY DOESN'T MIND BEING SUB

THE POOR, long-suffering substitute — that's Manchester United's pint-sized little Irishman, David McCreery. And McCreery is, of course, only one of 92 substitutes given the same job every Saturday afternoon in English League football.

What makes McCreery different from most other subs is he's probably the best known of the lot — because of the amount of time he's been doing the job. Two long years have now passed since young McCreery first pulled on the number 12 shirt for Manchester United.

First it was a complete United side that included Gerry Daly at number four that kept McCreery on the sub's bench. Then, after Daly had gone to Derby County for £165,000, McCreery's hopes of a regular spot rose and fell in the short period before United bought Jimmy Greenhoff from Stoke City. And ever since, it's been the same story — a settled United team keeping David out of the first eleven.

McCreery, however, is the last person to worry about that. He says: "I'm just happy to be as close to the Manchester United first team as I am."

McCreery, however, did get a rare run with the seniors at the start of this season. A nagging injury to Jimmy Greenhoff kept the ex-Stoke man out of the side for several weeks. McCreery jumped up from that sub's bench

at once and was fitting into the team as though he'd always been there.

Doing precisely that, however, is the thing that is hardest of the lot, according to McCreery. He says of his job: "You may sit on the bench for an hour and then be called on for the last 20 minutes or so. Getting tuned to the pace of the game is often quite difficult and it can take as much as ten to 15 minutes."

"You've got to be very patient — I'd say that's the main asset a substitute must have. Of course, you'd like to be playing all the time. But you've got to adapt yourself to the needs of the side and if they only want you for the last ten minutes of a match to do a specific job, you've got to get on with it."

"I've been out on to the field as substitute in all weathers — snow, frost, sun, heat, rain. But I've never once minded — I'd go on every single week if I possibly could."

"I love it and I wouldn't miss it

for anything. You may not be starting the match and there may be disappointments when you're the substitute. But the great thing is you are part of the occasion and involved with the rest of the lads so it's not too bad at all."

McCreery says he doesn't mind staying on the bench as long as the side is doing well. And he reckons he'd even give up any appearances as sub if United could win every game!

He adds: "When you first come on as a sub, you find you're taking two paces whereas the other lads are only taking one for the same thing. But it's all to do with the speed of the game — it's so fast you need time to settle into it."

"The most successful match I have ever had as substitute as far as I can remember was our game against Everton last season. We weren't playing well and looked as though we'd have to settle for a draw."

"But I was called on and I managed to get into the game quickly and then score a goal. It was an important one, too, because it proved to be the winner. We won 2-1 and I've always remembered that."

The main commodity for a substitute, of course, is true loyalty. McCreery is too modest to talk of that but there's little doubt he's given United a great boost by his loyalty and determination to do his best for them — **WHENEVER HE'S CALLED ON.**

CITY'S PETER BARNES

— MIKE CHANNON HAD HIM WORRIED

THE DAY Mike Channon signed for Manchester City, young Peter Barnes might have thought he would be on his way out. Channon, the £300,000 signing from Southampton, became another member of the international, star-name sect at Maine Road. And his arrival meant a surplus of top class strikers and front runners.

Yet Barnes, although more than recognising the danger, doesn't necessarily believe he will have to leave Maine Road to get first team soccer. And he admits: "I'm prepared to fight for a regular place even though I realise it could be a fair scrap."

Channon's signing gave City any number of front running partnerships. With Dennis Tueart, Joe Royle, Barnes, Channon and Brian Kidd available as strikers or wingers able to fit into the front three, manager Tony Book was head of one of the best squads in the country.

Barnes said: "We played against Norwich with Brian Kidd and Mike Channon up-front with me. That worked well and we won 4-0."

"I must admit, I was worried when Channon arrived. But the boss told me there was a place for me at the club and I'd have to compete for that regular first team spot. He said he wouldn't let me go so I've got to do it here."

Ambitions

"The manager has a big squad now and all I'm looking to is to establish myself as a regular member of the side. I played for the England Under-21 team and I'd love to talk of full international ambitions. But that must wait — all I'm concentrating on right now, is aiming to establish myself as a first team regular."

Barnes, however, blames the squad-system for his erratic form of the last season. When he first came into the Manchester City side, young Peter was regarded as the new, shining light — the lad who would go right to the top.

He had a great first season and looked set for a brilliant career. But the magic faded last term. Peter was in-and-out of the City side and played in only 16 senior team games as a first-choice. That was a poor follow-up to the successful first campaign he'd had.

Why did it happen? "I think a player who is young needs the confidence of having a regular

place," says Barnes. "I didn't have that confidence last term because I wasn't a regular in the side. As a result, my game probably suffered."

"I blame the squad system for that but, of course, I realise modern day First Division clubs must have more than 11 first team players available. But it does mean problems for a younger player trying to establish himself."

"It's a matter of opinion but I thought City did quite well in coming second in the League in 1976-77. I guess Mike Channon could make all the difference this season and I hope we can land the title."



"From my point of view, I want just one thing — a full season in the first team. I think I'd prove my ability then."

"I feel we need one more quality before we can think about winning the Championship. And we can't do very much about acquiring that — because I'm talking of luck. Any side that wins the League title must have its share of good fortune, and I really don't believe we've had that vital rub of the green in the last season or two."

"City have improved one aspect of our play — our poor form away from home. We used to give away far too many silly goals and it became a real psychological barrier to overcome after a while. But now we've done that I reckon City are a better team, a more professional side."

"So I reckon a little luck and the run of the ball from time to time this season, and City could be celebrating winning the title next year. Before then, though, there's plenty of hard work ahead — for City and me."



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2. Tottenham's recent signing from Torquay United Colin Lee hit four goals on his League debut against Bristol Rovers. Can you name the other Spurs striker who scored a hat-trick and what was the final result?

3. The following quotes appeared in **SHOOT**, dated 5th November. Who said them?

(a) "Apart from their more mature approach to the game, City owe their emergence as Liverpool's biggest threat to the marked improvement shown by some of their players last season and in this."

(b) "Injuries have played a part, but it's got to be more than that."

(c) "So I plan on a pool of 17 or 18, yet it is very difficult to get the men I want. Of course, I'm not alone in this respect, as other clubs are in the same boat, and I keep looking."

4. Can you remember who scored Scotland's goal in their 5-1 defeat by England at Wembley in May, 1975?

5. Former Preston, Everton and Birmingham star Howard Kendall is playing regularly for which Second Division club this term?

6. After a month's loan, Bolton Wanderers recently signed a former England striker for around £80,000. Can you name him and his former club?

7. Did Bayern Munich's Gerd Muller set the goalscoring record for the World Cup Finals when he scored ten goals during the 1970 tournament in Mexico?

8. The League Cup Third Round was played recently. Arsenal progressed through to the next round when they beat Southampton 2-0 at Highbury. Liam Brady put them ahead with a penalty. Did Alan Ball, Nick Holmes or Peter Osgood handle the ball to concede the spot-kick?

9. Which clubs knocked out (a)

Notts. County, (b) Walsall, (c) Q.P.R.?

10. Who scored both Ipswich Town's goals against Burnley at Turf Moor?

11. Were Wimbledon, Watford or York City the last club from the Fourth Division to stay in the League Cup?

12. Can you name the Third Division club that knocked Bristol City out of the competition?

13. Study the action photograph (left) very carefully and answer the following questions ... (a) can you identify the two clubs, (b) the goalkeeper punching the ball away and (c) what was the final result?

14. When did West Brom beat Everton 1-0 to win the F.A. Cup?

15. Which clubs have the following nicknames: (a) The Tigers, (b) Cottagers, (c) Canaries (Roger Gibbins, below plays for them)?



ANSWERS:

1. (a) Partick, (b) Southport, (c) the 1958 tournament, 8. Nick Holmes. Hamilton, (d) Wimbledon, 2. Ian Moore and Spurs won 9-0, 3. (a) Ray Clemence, (b) Trevor Brooking, (c) Whyman, 11. Watford, 12. Wrexham, 13. (a) Arsenal and Q.P.R. (b) Q.P.R.'s Phil Parkes, (c) 1-0 to Arsenal, 14. 1968, 15. (a) No — the record is held by Just Fontaine of France who scored 13 in 1958.

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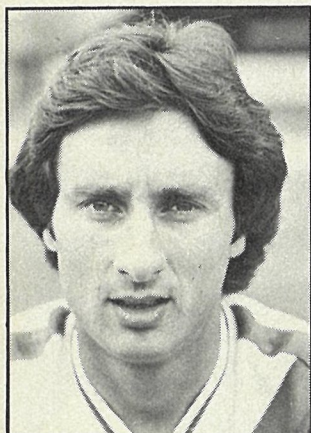
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Jumbled Name: IAN CALLAGHAN



compiled by John Pyke



ABOVE . . . Leg-break victim Ian Evans.
BELOW . . . Vince Hilaire in action against Bolton.



CRYSTAL PALACE PEN-PICTURES

(L.App:— League Appearances; G:— Goals; S:— Substitutes; All records to end of the 1976-77 season).

JEFF BOURNE: Striker signed from Derby County for £30,000 in March, 1977, and his nine goals in 15 League appearances played a big part in Palace winning promotion. Born Linton. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.7. L.App:— Derby 35 and 14 sub, Palace 15. G:— Derby 5, Palace 9.

TONY BURNS: Goalkeeper who at the age of 32 won back his place in League football after playing for three years with Durban in South Africa. Signed professional for Palace in October, 1973. Born Edenbridge. Ht. 6ft. Wt. 12.11. L.App:— Arsenal 31, Brighton 39, Charlton 10, Brentford (on loan) 6, Palace 61.

JIM CANNON: Defender signed professional in May, 1971. Born Glasgow. Ht. 6ft. Wt. 12.0. L.App:— 136 and 3 sub. G:— 9.

NICK CHATTERTON: Midfielder with a big future having signed professional in August, 1973. Born London. Ht. 5.9½. Wt. 11.4. L.App:— 97 and 9 sub. G:— 9.

IAN EVANS: Tall central-defender who has been sorely missed both by Palace and Wales since he broke a leg early in the season. Signed from Q.P.R. in September, 1974. A Welsh Under-23 cap who won his 13th full cap against Kuwait in September, 1977. Born Woking. Ht. 6.2. Wt. 11.2. L.App:— Q.P.R. 39, C. Palace 129. G:— Q.P.R. 2, Palace 13.

GEORGE GRAHAM: Midfielder or striker signed from Portsmouth in November, 1976. A Scottish Under-23 international who went on to win 12 full caps. His experience played a major part in Palace winning promotion. Born Bargeddie. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 12.3. L.App:— Aston Villa 8, Chelsea 72, Arsenal 219 and 8 sub, Man. Utd. 41 and 2 sub, Portsmouth 61, Palace 23. G:— Aston Villa 2, Chelsea 35, Arsenal 60, Man. Utd. 2, Portsmouth 5, Palace 2.

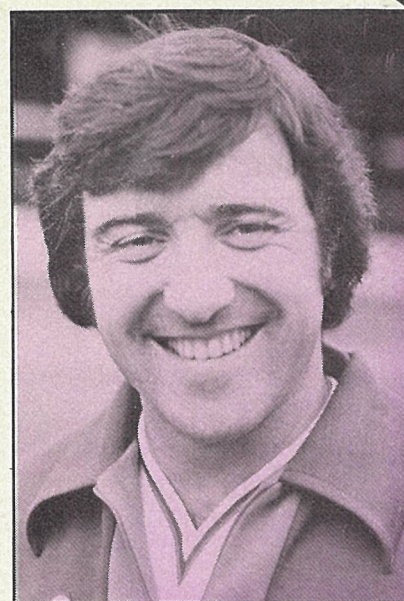
RACHID HARKOUK: Striker and a great success in the Palace team. Signed professional in June, 1976. Born London. Ht. 6ft. Wt. 11.8. L.App:— 25 and 3 sub. G:— 11.

VINCE HILAIRE: Striker who after three substitute appearances last season, has won a place in the team this term. Signed professional October, 1976. Born London. Ht. 5.6. Wt. 9.8. L.App:— 3 sub.

THE dramatic late climb of Crystal Palace out of the Third Division last season was a triumph for their young manager Terry Venables (right). How sick Wrexham fans felt about losing twice in eight days to Palace at the end of the campaign, and consequently their own chance of promotion, is easy to understand.

The arrival of George Graham in November, 1976, from Portsmouth gave Palace the midfield general Venables needed to steady his young stars. Defender Ken Sansom and young striker Rachid Harkouk were two youngsters who soon caught the attention of supporters.

This season Palace have consolidated their position in the Second Division, and although their home record has been disappointing, three away wins out of the first five away fixtures prove Palace will more than hold their own.



Crystal Palace manager Terry Venables has the unique record of being the only player to be capped at all levels by England. Terry played for England schools, Youth, Amateur, Under-23 and won two full England caps. He began playing for Chelsea and won a League Cup winners' trophy with Chelsea in 1963 and was a member of Chelsea's winning promotion side from the Second Division in 1960-61. Transferred to Tottenham he won a F.A. Cup winner's medal v Chelsea in 1967. Terry later played for Q.P.R. and C. Palace before becoming coach at Selhurst Park and then manager in 1976.

RECORD VICTORY:

9-0 v Barrow, Division Four, October 10th, 1959.

RECORD DEFEAT:

4-11 v Manchester City, F.A. Cup, Fifth Round, February 20th, 1926.

MOST LEAGUE POINTS

IN A SEASON:

64 in Division Four, 1960-61.

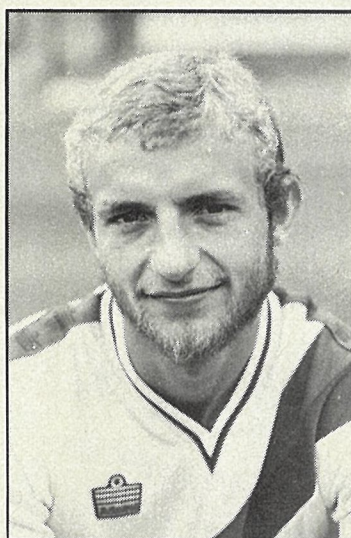
HIGHEST LEAGUE SCORER

IN A SEASON:

Peter Simpson 46 in Division Three (South), 1930-31.

TOP LEAGUE SCORERS

1972-73	Don Rogers	13
1973-74	Don Rogers	15
1974-75	David Swindlehurst	14
	Peter Taylor	14
1975-76	David Swindlehurst	16
1976-77	Rachid Harkouk	12



Nick Chatterton

PAUL HINSHELWOOD: Converted with great success from striker into a back-four player and Paul is now an England Under-21 international. Signed professional in August 1973. Born Bristol. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.8. L.App:— 58 and 5 sub. G:— 8.

STEWART JUMP: Back-four or mid-field player who has spent the last two summers playing for Tampa Bay in America and appeared against England for Team America in the summer of 1976. Signed from Stoke City in April, 1974 for £70,000. Born Crumpsall. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.2. L.App:— Stoke 36 and 8 sub, Fulham (on loan) 3, Palace 79 and 1 sub. G:— Stoke 1, Palace 2.

STEVE PERRIN: Striker who signed professional in March, 1976 and scored seven goals in Palace's promotion drive last season. Born London. Ht. 6ft. Wt. 12.12. L.App:— 33. G:— 7.

KEN SANSOM: Young defender who apart from being an ever-present in the League side, won an F.A. Youth Cup winners medal and skipped England's Youth team. Signed professional in December, 1975. Born London. Ht. 5.6. Wt. 11.1. L.App:— 53.

BARRY SILKMAN: Natural winger who was signed from Hereford United in August, 1976. Born London. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 10.13. L.App:— Hereford 18 and 19 sub, Palace 19 and 4 sub. G:— Hereford 2, Palace 5.

NEIL SMILLIE: Young midfielder who made his League debut at home to Oxford United in October, 1976. Signed professional for Palace in July, 1975. Born Barnsley. Ht. 5.6. Wt. 10.4. L.App:— Brentford (on loan) 3, Palace 1.

DAVID SWINDLEHURST: Striker signed professional in January, 1973 and is now an England Under-21 international. Born Edgware. Ht. 6.2. Wt. 11.8. L.App:— 121 and 11 sub. G:— 40.

PETER WALL: Defender signed from Liverpool in June, 1970. Played last summer for St. Louis Stars in America. Born Shrewsbury. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 12.4. L.App:— Shrewsbury 18, Wrexham 15 and 7 sub, Liverpool 31, Orient (on loan) 10, Palace 161 and 8 sub. G:— Palace 3.

Crystal Palace



BACK ROW (left to right): Jim Cannon, Dave Swindlehurst, Peter Caswell, Tony Burns, Ian Walsh.
CENTRE ROW: Dave Horn (trainer), Ernie Walley (coach), Vince Hilaire, Billy Gilbert, Steve Perrin, Paul Hinshelwood, Peter Nicholas, Charlie Simpson (physio), Terry Venables (manager).
FRONT ROW: George Graham, Neil Smillie, Jeff Bourne, Phil Holder, Ian Evans, Nick Chatterton, Kenny Sansom, Raichid Harkouk.